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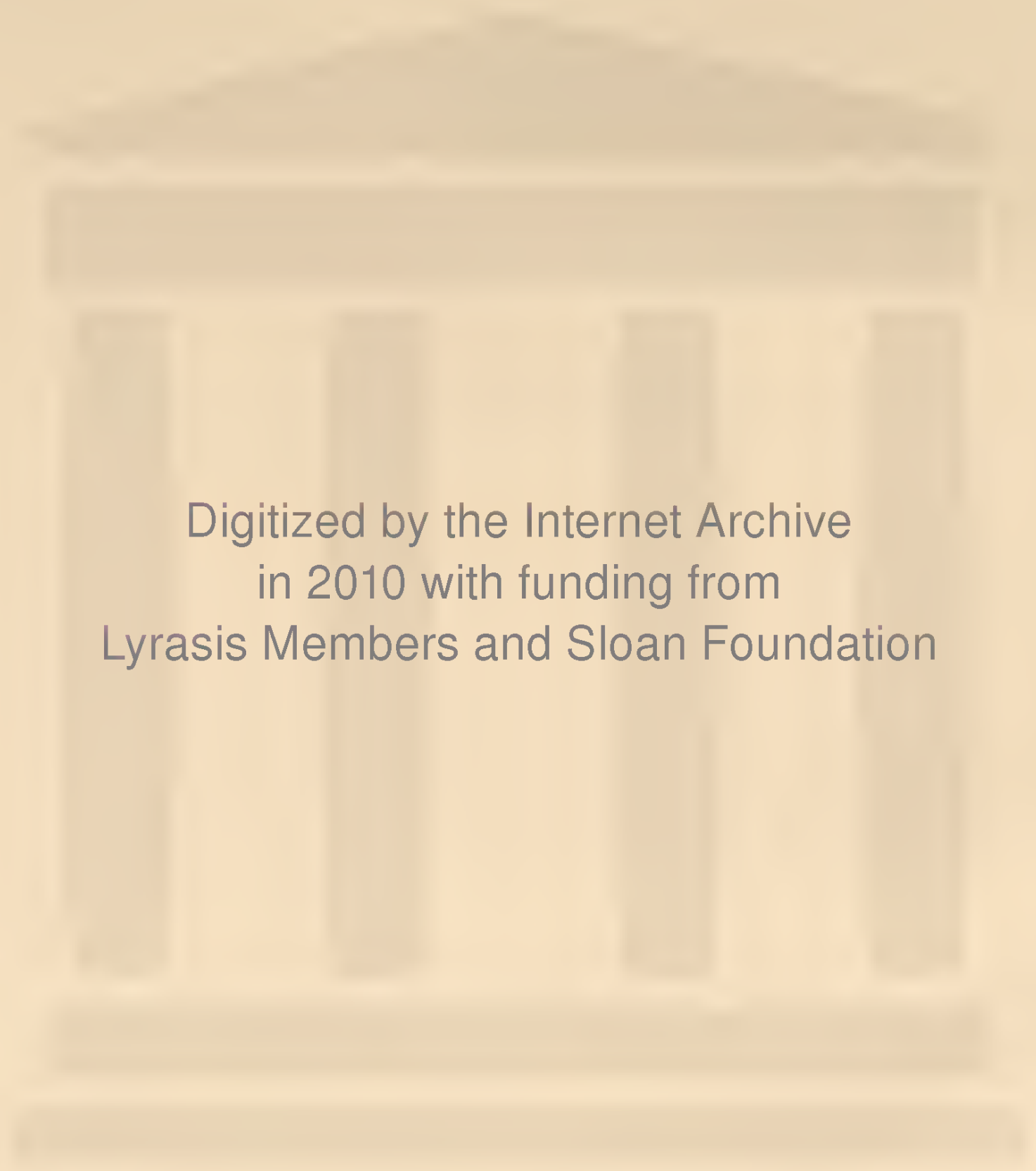
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With the November elections and some recent national news stories about sensational crimes still on the collective public mind, politicians and the media are astir with questions about ethical behavior in their ranks. Top lawmakers — even the president — are hyperscrutinized by media masses that some say should take a closer look at their own behavior in the throes of a big story. In that climate, it's not surprising that we're taking a look at ethics.

"These days senators call each other names, judges and lawyers assail each other in the courtroom, some CEOs raid companies for sport, celebrities are doing a variety of torrid acts in full public view," says Michael Bugeja, recently appointed special adviser to the president on standards at Ohio University. "I think many of us have had enough. We want to see in our everyday environment a little consideration."

Bugeja and other Ohio University faculty, administrators and students believe one appropriate place to examine ethics is on the college campus — not just to engage in academic discourse about society, but to consider the ethics within the university atmosphere, as well.

Many recognize that professional ethics can make or break a person's success on a job. And because educating students coincides with preparing them for jobs, many folks from all walks of university life seem to agree that in addition to job skills, students need skills in thinking through the consequences of their post-graduate decisions.

"Campuses are definitely a reflection of the hopes, desires, problems, concerns and misdeeds as well as honorable behavior of the greater society," says university President Robert Glidden. "It doesn't make a difference how bright we are. If we can't communicate, if we're not responsible, dependable, ethical people, we're not going to go far."

But there also is the issue of applying professional ethics to the university as a workplace. Civility and collegiality are buzzwords in some university circles. At least one campus — Princeton University — has held Civility Month events.

At Ohio University, no Civility Month is planned, but ethics is definitely on the table. Faculty Senate recently approved a statement of professional ethics, and Administrative Senate is at work on a statement of its own. Student Senate has proposed a stringent code of faculty conduct. The Institute for Applied and Professional Ethics is firmly in place as a funded academic entity promoting research and discussion of ethics. And Bugeja is in high demand across campus for seminars, speeches and advice about ethics.

Bugeja's appointment was announced in September, following months of talks with Glidden about the possibilities the position presented for the university. Glidden emphasized at the time that the position was meant to inspire discussion about standards rather than enforce specific values.

"I wanted to get professors talking openly with students," Glidden says. "Sometimes we are embarrassed to be preachy about such things. The intent, with Michael's help and with the seminars, is to open up the subject and say this is important for the whole society, perhaps even more so than course content, because it lasts a lifetime."

Bugeja's selection stemmed from his experience as a journalist, years of teaching journalism ethics, his authorship of the textbook *Living Ethics* and his general passion for the subject.

A definition is in order, but that's the tricky part of this sticky subject. Ethics — a standard of conduct, a moral compass — can be applied to a range of situations: a random act of kindness, a reporter's questioning of a source, a life-and-death decision in a hospital intensive care unit. This analysis concerns the ethics of

everyday life — all of the elusive gray areas that fall between the rare easy decisions people make.

"Some ask what we mean by ethics," Glidden says. "For me, we're talking about making the right decisions for the right reasons. It also means thinking ahead to the consequences, not just for ourselves but for others as well. That has to factor into what is the right decision."

The recent spate of ethics codes on campus was triggered in part by the June resignation of College of Business Dean C. Aaron Kelley when faculty questioned his leadership style in connection with a relationship he had with a staff member, and allegations

that Finance Associate Professor Dwight Pugh wrote his own favorable student evaluations. Pugh has said he submitted the questionnaires as a test of the evaluation process, and four faculty told a review panel that Pugh had mentioned to them he was testing the system. Pugh was reprimanded in

writing by College of Business Interim Dean John Stinson, who wrote in a September memo that the actions were inappropriate.

But long before those incidents stirred campus interest in behavior, the Institute for Applied and Professional Ethics saw a place for an academic approach to ethics. The institute, founded as a program in 1988 and established by trustees in 1995, is a cross-college organization that encourages the research, teaching, interest in and discussion of applied and professional ethics throughout the university.

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"It is largely an academic enterprise," says institute Director Arthur Zucker, an associate professor of philosophy. "We're not watchdogs, and we're not saying, 'Be ethical,' or that people aren't ethical."

When the institute founders wrote the grant for the program in 1988, they noted the need to prepare students to "become part of a more enlightened state citizenship."

The whole point of applied and professional ethics, says Don Borchert, chair of the Philosophy Department and an institute board member, was to help people in health-care professions initially — and later in virtually every occupation — to be able to identify moral problems that they encounter in their work, and to critically examine alternative solutions to those problems.

The institute offers a popular ethics module workshop every other year for faculty who want to incorporate an ethics component into their courses. "Every time, we want to limit it to 10 or 12, but we always wind up with 20 or 30," Zucker says. "There's hardly a department that hasn't had someone through the workshops."

As for the behavioral aspect of ethics on campus, Faculty Senate voted in January to approve a statement of professional ethics outlining faculty roles as scholars, teachers, colleagues, members of an academic institution and members of a community. The statement is intended for inclusion in the *Faculty Handbook*.

"As members of an academic institution, professors seek above all to be effective teachers and scholars," the statement says. It also notes faculty "avoid any exploitation, harassment, or discriminatory treatment of students," and asserts, "Faculty do not discriminate against or harass colleagues."

Administrative Senate sought Bugeja's help when it began to draft its statement of ethics. The reasoning for a code: No list of standards exists that applies universally to campus administrators, says Senate Chair Maggi Channell, BSJ '91, MA '80.

"We want to put in writing what we believe to be practices and integrity we should adhere to as we go about our daily business," Channell says.

Faculty Senate Chair Herman "Butch" Hill says faculty pursued a statement of professional ethics because "there were concerns that if someone did something obvious, there was nothing in the *Faculty Handbook* to say it was wrong." But he personally has problems with the concept of a code of ethics on philosophical and practical levels.

"Many codes of ethics are like bad chocolate cake recipes that just tell you what not to do in the kitchen. They don't help good people do better," he says. "It's impossible to list all the things you could do that are wrong. Because it's a necessarily limited list, you can find some way that you can't be held liable."

Hill finds the Faculty Senate resolution — patterned after the American Association of University Professors' own statement — to be more palatable than a code of ethics because it is a guiding set of principles rather than a list of do's and don'ts.

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Michael Bugeja

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— MICHAEL BUGEJA

you couldn't use it as a guide for your life. It's not a moral compass," Hill says. "On the other hand, I think discussions of ethics are a great thing. People need to ask tough

questions. Those are really valuable to make people grow."

Rather than imposing ethics on people or claiming he can teach ethics, Bugeja characterizes what he does as "sharing experiments, like one on lying, so you can see it's less complicated to tell the truth. Many of my students learn for the first time that a certain lifestyle is easier. I tell students to speak the truth because words carry their own power."

And then there is the issue of the tone that goes along with those words. Glidden points to a general need for integrity, honor and civility in dealing with each other, which many consider a crucial element of the ethics within a university.

"We ought to be able to differ civily and not personalize every criticism made," Glidden says. "When an institution of higher learning has lost its capacity for impassioned, intellectual discourse — not personal but aimed at the truth — its very soul is in jeopardy."

Bugeja is a major advocate for civility and collegiality among faculty and staff, pointing to the need for teachers to consider the effects their relationships can have on students.

"I believe we all take great care in being uniformly ethical and teaching truth and consequences to students in class. But some of us — not all — could learn more about contributions others make and realize good relations with people — even those we don't like — are important because we share students," Bugeja says. "It's important to students so it should be important to us."

"When we're passionate about our work, sometimes work takes on more importance than our relationships because we're pressed for time. In every ethical consideration, time is at the core. Contemplation, reflection. Respect for others. These are essential concerns," he says, "not only in classrooms, but in every aspect of life, from Congress to the fruit stand."

Student Senate President Josh Woolley affirms that faculty and administrative behavior is of concern to students. Woolley says Student Senate's call for a code of standards coupled with a fall quarter *InterACTV-7* television program — produced by students — on professor ethics "further highlighted this issue wasn't going to go away quickly."



Photos: Rick Falca

Arthur Zucker is director of the Institute for Applied and Professional Ethics. Here, he conducts a workshop on fairness.

"It seems to me to be inherent in a university atmosphere that ethics is something that gets transmuted to students," Woolley says. "It's something often unnoticed and unsaid, and I think it would be helpful to the university to elevate the level of discussion."

There's no apparent shortage of discussion in sight. Student Senate has asked Bugeja to speak before the group during spring quarter. And Bugeja says the requests keep pouring in for seminars and speeches, at the rate of more than one a week. His seminar topics include the ethics process, a look at problem-solving methods; civility and ethics, exploring community problem-solving and collegiality; and research and ethics. Another hot topic is the concern for ethics in an era of daily information technology breakthroughs. Groups ranging from individual classes to the OU Foundation Board of Trustees to the Chicago alumni chapter have sought Bugeja as a speaker.

Glidden says the seminars provide a chance for faculty and students to talk about ethical issues and values. "We've had a lot of positive feedback," Glidden says. "And then there are some people who are put off by it or think it's a waste of time. Well, some people appreciate beauty, for example, and others don't, or they have a different appreciation of beauty."

Even appointing a special adviser on ethics became an ethical dilemma. Some faculty were insulted by the suggestion that a larger emphasis on ethics was needed, and others argued that an excessive focus on ethics already existed across campus. Glidden says he took some lumps over the appointment, but he notes that comes with presidential territory. He believes the resulting ethics-related dialogue enhances the institution's greater good.

Hill says the University Planning Advisory Council (UPAC) illustrates how the campus community similarly can work together with the entire university in mind. The group recommends how to spend annual university planning pool funds based on a review of competitive proposals.

"Members are called upon to be university citizens, making recommendations on everyone's behalf," Hill says, adding, "UPAC is an excellent example of how a body can work without a code of ethics. We try to figure out what's best for the university, and we put our other selves at the door."

Trustee and journalism faculty member Thomas Hodson, BSJ '90, says an academic institution has a responsibility to "provide ethical guidelines. I also think ethics is an individual responsibility."

Hodson has done his part to further the discussion on the topic by holding a series on ethics on his WOUB Radio program.

"I think this whole area of looking at ethics is nothing but positive," says Hodson, a lawyer. "I think the more people talk about ethical issues, the better off everybody is. In any area of the academy, I can see a valid discussion of ethics taking place. I don't see any downside to it."

Emily Caldwell, BSJ '88, is assistant editor of Ohio University Today.



Ella Fitzgerald, 1960



James Moody, 1951

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HERMAN LEONARD

all that jazz



Herman Leonard, BFA '47

A lot has happened to Herman Leonard since we first featured his work six years ago in *Ohio University Today*. Most notable for Leonard, BFA '47, is the fact that the White House came calling for his photographs of jazz musicians dating back to the 1930s. President Clinton presented the photos to Thailand's jazz-loving king, Bhumibol Adulyadej, at a state dinner in Bangkok in late November.

Leonard has visited the Athens campus several times since picking up a 1992 Medal of Merit Award from the Alumni Association. His son, David, is an Ohio University sophomore majoring in computer design, and 63 of Leonard's photos have joined the permanent collection of the campus' new Kennedy Museum of American Art at The Ridges.

"Good Morning America" and National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" both featured segments on Leonard and his work in late 1996. Tony Bennett, who has called Leonard "the greatest living photographer of jazz musicians," praised his friend on a recent appearance on "The Late Show" with David Letterman.

Leonard has begun work on his third book, a photographic look at New Orleans, the birthplace of jazz and his home for the past four years. "I was out shooting just the other night at 4 in the morning in a jazz club," he said. "I'm out shooting now more than ever."



Louis Armstrong, 1956

blues



Tony Bennett, 1955



Chet Baker, 1956

across the college green

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Glidden among officials urging legislators to increase budget

Ohio University President Robert Glidden was leading efforts this winter to encourage Ohio legislators to increase the state budget for higher education over the next biennium as part of a unified lobbying effort among university and college executives and Board of Regents officials.

Glidden emphasized the need for strong state funding in television appearances in Cleveland, in opinion page articles published in *The Plain Dealer* in Cleveland and the *Columbus Dispatch*, and in an appearance before the Ohio House Finance and Appropriations Committee in early February.

"We decided that it wasn't fair to our students, to our institutions and to the state of Ohio for us to accept a barely inflationary increment at a time when the state's economy is as strong as it has been," Glidden told the university Board of Trustees during its meeting in February.

Gov. George Voinovich's \$36.1 billion biennial

budget proposal called for overall funding increases for higher education of 2.6 percent to 3.4 percent — depending on how the figures are calculated — in the first year of the biennium that begins July 1, and 3.8 percent in the second year.

Glidden said that under the governor's proposal, Ohio University would receive a 4.7 percent increase in the first year of the biennium and a 3.2 percent hike the following year — but those figures could change.

Voinovich's budget went to the Ohio House of Representatives the first week of February, and the House was expected to release its version of the budget in late March.

Overall increases for higher education have ranged from 4.8 percent to 7.5 percent in the past four years. The Board of Regents had recommended respective yearly increases of 6.9 and 6.3 percent in the next biennium. Voinovich's budget was \$191.9 million below what the Regents requested.

Higher education reportedly is the only major budget category that has seen its annual funding periodically decrease during the Voinovich years. In 1995-96, Ohio ranked 41st in the nation in state financial support per student, while its tuition costs were the ninth highest in the country.

Voinovich's higher education budget included about \$52 million in "performance funding" for colleges and universities over the next biennium, well below the \$153 million the Ohio Higher Education Funding Commission and Regents sought.

Glidden is one of two university presidents serving on the funding commission. The commission recommended that \$113 million in new funding be made available for four-year campuses that meet performance goals, which include holding down tuition costs, providing greater access for at-risk students, and assisting K-12 schools in improving their performance.

Campus logs on as charter member of Internet 2 group

Ohio University is a charter member of a project that will create Internet 2, a network expected to be 100 times faster than the commercial Internet and provide users with high-speed connectivity that's not possible on the overcrowded Internet.

Three other Ohio universities are Internet 2 project charter members: Case Western Reserve University, Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati. The institutions join more than 70 universities that have become part of the project.

Participants in Internet 2 will be joined through regional networks designed to process large amounts of data-based applications much more quickly than conventional computer networks. The initial cost to Ohio University as an Internet 2

charter member was \$15,000. The university also pledged funding to upgrade on-campus networks and build high-speed links.

The project will provide technology to expand Ohio University's distance-learning programs and to provide interactive, network-based instruction, said Paul Gandel, associate provost for information and instructional technology.

"Internet 2 will provide an infrastructure for higher education institutions to use to develop the next generation of networked applications for research and instruction," he said.

Projections are that Internet 2 will be online in anywhere from three to five years for the entire project, but smaller scale applications could be online in 18 months.

Ahrens named new director of Kennedy Museum of Art

Kent Ahrens, an experienced museum administrator and art historian, is the new director of the Kennedy Museum of American Art at The Ridges. Ahrens, director of the Civic Fine Arts Center in Sioux Falls, S.D., for the past year, takes his new post April 14.

Ahrens previously was director of the Rockwell Museum in Corning, N.Y., from 1990 to late 1995, and director of the Everhart Museum in Scranton, Pa., from 1982 to 1990. He has served on the art faculties at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va., and Florida State University in Tallahassee.

Ahrens replaces Charles Shepard, who left the university last summer. The Kennedy Museum opened in October and is expected to be officially dedicated next fall.

Ahrens earned a doctorate in American art history from the University of Delaware. He spent two



Kent Ahrens

years at the National Gallery of Art in Washington on two fellowships.

Vice President for University Relations Adrienne Nab said Ahrens is an experienced fund-raiser who has worked on major museum renovation projects. Ahrens was involved in moving the Civic Fine Arts Center to a newly renovated, \$30 million cultural center in downtown Sioux Falls.

"I find that The Ridges complex has a tremendous amount of growth potential," said Ahrens. "The museum is an incredibly beautiful space, which is what was appealing about the job. And I also was caught by the enthusiasm of the institution and its commitment to (museum) growth."



Photo: Rick Fatima

"Birds of Paradise," an installation of papier-mache birds created by community groups and Ohio Arts Council Artist-in-Residence Patty Mitchell (above) was exhibited at the new Kennedy Museum of American Art at The Ridges through mid-February. The museum, which opened to the public in October, has a new director. See story at right.

Around campus

■ Twenty-nine executives from five states were scheduled to arrive on campus March 16 to launch Ohio University's first online degree program, the College of Business MBA Without Boundaries. Virtual office hours, collaborative software, e-mail and the Internet's World Wide Web are elements in the program, which is unique in Ohio and one of only a handful in the country, said John Stinson, interim dean of the college. After a week of orientation and course work on campus, the MBA candidates return to their jobs, continuing to complete class work from home. Students will return to campus for one-week residencies in the middle and at the end of the two-year program.

■ English Instructor David Sharpe developed the first Ohio University course taught entirely over the World Wide Web. The English composition course, English 308JW, is offered through the university's Independent Study Program. Students

receive assignments posted on the Web, submit work to Sharpe by e-mail and exchange e-mail critiques of papers with other students in the class. A maximum of 20 students can sign up for the course, which they have one year to complete. The website is at <http://cscwww.cats.ohiou.edu/~indstu/online/eng308j>

■ Twenty-seven Ohio University faculty, administrators, students and alumni are participating in the Pew Higher Education Roundtable, held in mid-February and April 6-7 on campus. Sponsored by the national Pew Charitable Trust, the roundtable promotes dialogue among different groups to strengthen communication, cooperation and a sense of community. More than 150 colleges and universities have participated since 1988.



David Sharpe's class was the first totally online.

Photo: Rick Fatima

Sowle, campus' 16th president, dies during trip to Puerto Rico

Claude R. Sowle, 68, Ohio University's 16th president, died suddenly March 2 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, while traveling to a law school that he was to inspect for the Accreditation Committee of the American Bar Association. The *Miami Herald* reported that Sowle died of a heart attack.

Sowle, president of Ohio University from 1969 to 1974, served during the later phase of the Vietnam War and its aftermath, a period marked by massive campus demonstrations in Athens and across the country. Ohio University was forced to close early in the spring of 1970 because of rioting.

An advocate of openness in policy determination and administration, Sowle sought through public forums to enhance understanding and support of higher education locally and throughout the state. He also invited student participation in major areas of university governance, and held biweekly all-campus open forums.

An equal opportunities office was created on campus during his tenure, and the university affirmed its continued participation in varsity intercollegiate athletics.

Sowle left OU to become a law professor at Ohio State University, where he taught from 1974 to 1982. He was dean of the University of Miami (Fla.) School of Law from 1982 to 1986, and remained a professor of law at UM. He had been dean of the University of Cincinnati's College of Law before becoming president of Ohio University.

A campus memorial service was scheduled for April 10 at Galbreath Chapel.

Laubenthal steps down Dec. 31 as dean of Zanesville campus

Craig Laubenthal, an administrator at the Zanesville regional campus since 1969, will retire Dec. 31 after serving as dean of the campus for 16 years. An assistant professor in the College of Education, Laubenthal hopes to teach one quarter per year, travel and work as a consultant.

Laubenthal has been sought by schools nationwide for assistance in developing the colocated campus concept. Muskingum Area Technical College and OUZ are considered a model for colocated campuses and cooperation in Ohio. They share six buildings, a security force, maintenance operations, and a child care facility.

Laubenthal joined OUZ as assistant director in 1969, was promoted to assistant dean in 1977, and served as acting dean from August 1981 to April 1982. He was voted an Ohio University Outstanding Administrator in 1980.

A search for Laubenthal's replacement will begin this spring, according to Jim Bryant, vice president for regional higher education.



Photo: Rick Fitts

An average of more than 3,500 students and 30 faculty and staff are using the Ping Student Recreation Center each weekday when classes are in session, a year after the \$26 million facility opened on the Athens campus. The Ping Center, which employs 139 students, has attracted memberships from 200 faculty and staff who pay \$80 a quarter. The center is financed by a \$65-a-quarter student fee.

Classics scholar is appointed Ping Professor of Humanities

Thomas Carpenter, a professor of classics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, was named the Charles J. Ping Professor of Humanities in early January. He begins teaching on the Athens campus in September.

Carpenter's research interests focus on Greek religion and the way ancient imagery contributes to an understanding of it. He is the author of seven books and numerous articles.

Ohio University Classics Department Chair Jim Andrews said Carpenter is an accomplished humanities teacher, distinguished for his use of collaborative teaching and cross-disciplinary approaches.

Carpenter's position is the third and final endowed professorship in the Ping Institute for the Teaching of the Humanities. Other institute professors were selected from within the university and include History Professor Alan Booth, the J. Richard Hamilton/Baker and Hostetler Professor, and Professor of French Lois Vines, the James S. Reid/Standard Products Company Professor.

President Emeritus Ping, who retired in 1994 after 19 years as president, is director of the institute that bears his name.

Other major appointments on campus include:

- Thomas Shostak, former associate vice president for academic affairs since 1987 at the University of Central Florida, is the new dean of the Division of Lifelong Learning. He replaces Joseph Tucker, who retired from the position of associate vice president of lifelong learning. Shostak previously held teaching and administrative positions at several community colleges.

- Darrell Winefordner, associate director for

budget planning at Ohio State University for six years, joined the Ohio University staff as associate provost for budget and planning on Jan. 6. He previously was controller of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services for two years, and was a deputy director and budget analyst during nine years with the state Office of Budget and Management.

- Karen Schwartz Reynolds, BSED '68, MA '69, retired vice president of the consumer services division for Ameritech in Chicago, has been named director of development for corporate and foundation relations in the Ohio University Development Office. She joined the university staff in January. Reynolds also was vice president of corporate communications at Ohio Bell and president of the Ohio Bell Foundation. She is a member of the College of Communication's Alumni Hall of Fame.

Gagliano retires as vice provost for international programs

Ohio University Vice Provost for International Programs Felix Gagliano will retire as vice provost effective Dec. 31. Gagliano, 58, a tenured professor of political science, plans to teach one quarter per year.

Gagliano joined the Political Science Department in 1970 and has served as vice provost since 1982. He also was director of the Center for International Studies from 1982 to 1996.

A former Fulbright scholar, Gagliano previously was chairman of the Political Science Department and director of the Southeast Asia Studies Program. He received the Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award in 1979.

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■ A Columbus-based consultant verified campus projections in mid-January for an increase in employee health care costs through 1998. Ohio University officials say a 30 percent health care budget increase results from a 31 percent deficit in the current year plus a 17 percent projected cost increase in the fiscal year that begins July 1. University officials project just under \$14.4 million in medical claims for this fiscal year, which runs over budget by almost \$1.4 million.

■ The university Board of Trustees is expected to approve at its April 11-12 meeting a new three-year contract with AFSCME Local 1699. The union represents more than 600 food service, housekeeping and maintenance workers on the Athens campus and another 25 employees on the Chillicothe and Zanesville campuses. AFSCME members voted for the new pact, 340-86, on March 1, a few hours before the contract was to expire.

■ Ohio University has signed an agreement with Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, to create a joint institute to study biotechnology and genetics. The Ohio University/Tsinghua University Institute for Genetics and Biotechnology will pair scientists from both countries to work together on a variety of projects, including studies to better understand the function of unknown genes, going a step beyond current studies involved in the Human Genome Project.

■ Patricia Bayer Richard, dean of Ohio University College at Ohio University and president-elect of the Association of University College Deans and Directors of Undergraduate Studies, is one of the nation's 10 Outstanding Freshman Advocates this year. The award, granted by the National Resource Center for the Freshman Year Experience and Students in Transition at the University of South Carolina, recognizes efforts to improve the educational experience for first-year students.

Season ends in disappointment for Bobcat basketball teams

The Ohio University men's basketball season was filled with several exciting moments, but the 1996-97 Bobcats undoubtedly will be remembered for the final two games that got away.

The Bobcats' season came to a crashing halt with a 74-68 loss to Western Michigan March 4 at the Convocation Center in the quarterfinals of the Mid-American Conference (MAC) Tournament.

The Broncos went on a backbreaking 25-10 run in the final 7:20, quelling the Bobcats' hopes for a MAC Tournament title and trip to the NCAA Tournament. And with a final record of 17-10 — 12-6 and a third-place finish in the MAC regular-season race — the 'Cats didn't get invited to the post-season National Invitation Tournament, either.

Ohio also lost to Western, 82-73, March 1 in Kalamazoo, dropping one game short of a MAC regular-season title share with Bowling Green and Miami and the top seed in the league tournament.

The losses were especially tough after the men rocked the Convo with three come-from-behind victories in February against Miami and league leaders Eastern Michigan and Bowling Green.

Senior guard Geno Ford, who averaged 17.7 points a game good for fourth in the conference, was honored as an All-MAC first-team selection. Center Ed Sears, a redshirt senior, led the MAC in field goal percentage at 64.7 percent and garnered second-team all-conference honors.

Heartbreak was a word that also could be used to describe the end to the Bobcat women's basketball season of adversity. After trailing by 14 points in the second half, Ohio tied Miami in its MAC Tournament quarterfinal game March 4 with 30 seconds left, only to see Miami steal a 44-12 win on a bucket with two seconds remaining.

Ohio ended the year sixth in the conference at 9-9 and 12-15 overall. The Bobcats managed only a 3-6 record after star guard Natalie Britt broke a finger on her left hand Feb. 4 and missed the rest of the season. Britt, one of five seniors on this year's team, became the third player in school history to notch 1,000 points and 200 assists in a career.

Bobcat wrestling squad returns to trophy case with MAC title

After an off year, the Ohio University wrestling squad is again on top of the Mid-American Conference (MAC).

The Bobcats captured their fourth MAC title in the past five years at the Convocation Center March 8-9, scoring 79 points and winning four individual titles. It was Harry Houska's 11th MAC title in 29 years as Bobcat coach and earned him MAC Coach of the Year honors.

Leading Ohio's charge in the tournament and all season was nationally ranked junior Dwight Gardner, who easily won his 158-pound title match, 15-7, and was the meet's outstanding wrestler.

Other Bobcat conference champs were Ed Schilling (134 pounds), John Noble (126 pounds) and heavyweight Jim Guttridge.

In other winter sports action:

- The Ohio club hockey team won its third consecutive national club championship by defeating top-ranked Iowa State, 2-1, March 8 in Ann Arbor, Mich. Goals: Brody Danner was most valuable player of the American Collegiate Hockey Association Tournament. The 'Cats finished 29-8-3.

- The Bobcat women's swimming and diving team finished second behind Miami for the second consecutive year in the MAC Championships Feb. 27-March 1 in Ypsilanti, Mich. Miami scored 833 points, to 730 for the 'Cats. The Bobcats captured eight individual MAC titles.

- The Bobcat men's swimming and diving team finished fifth out of six squads at the MAC Championships in Oxford March 6-8. Freshman Vermont Vetter won Ohio's only individual title in the 100 butterfly. — Brian Ayres, BSJ '98



Jubilant Ohio University men's basketball fans toss cheerleader Randy Verde into the air at the Convocation Center as the Bobcats upset arch-rival Miami 67-65 on Feb. 15. The 'Cats overcame a 16-point deficit to win a key game before 13,021, but the season came to a sudden end in March.

Photo: S.C. Stipp, The Athens News

Grobe's third group of football recruits are his best

Bobcat football fans may have something to look forward to next fall. At last.

With the school's first non-losing season in 14 years in his hip pocket, Ohio University Coach Jim Grobe says his third recruiting class signed in early February is his best and will provide much-needed support on the offensive and defensive lines and at the skilled positions.

"This year, we head to head with perennially strong programs in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) — Bowling Green, Miami, Toledo — and we had success," Grobe said. "And we were competing with some Big Ten schools for kids, whereas typically in the past we couldn't get those kids to even visit our campus."

"There's an old adage that says you don't know how good a recruiting year you've had until the kids have been on your campus for a couple of years. But we feel pretty good about the recruiting class we signed. It's an athletic class. We got some big linemen in the class who are good athletes. We didn't bring in any file cabinets who can't change directions."



Jim Grobe

The 21-member class, which includes all high school players and no junior college transfers, includes two athletes from North Carolina, two from Pennsylvania, and one each from Florida, South Carolina and Indiana. The Indiana player, Tony Macon of Fort Wayne Southside, passed for 1,475 yards and 15 touchdowns as a senior running the triple option, the same offense the Bobcats run.

Other top Bobcat recruits include 6-foot-5, 260-pound All-State center Cleodous Hawk of big-school state champion Lima Senior; 2,700-yard rusher Jamel Patterson of Hickory, N.C.; speedy halfback/defensive back Marceon Royster of Heath High School; 6-4, 240-pound defensive lineman Mike Fox of Sycamore High in Cincinnati, an all-city and all-conference three-sport athlete; Nick Daniel, a 6-5, 225-pound lineman who also rushed for 607 yards as a senior fullback for Waverly High School; first-team all-state offensive lineman Nick Glowacki, 6-6, 310 pounds, from Elyria High School; and 6-5, 235-pound tight end/linebacker Nic Hart of Olentangy High School.

Glowacki also was recruited by Michigan State, Indiana and Miami, and Fox was recruited by Indiana, Purdue and Illinois from the Big Ten. The 12 linemen signed by the Bobcats average 6-4, 264 pounds — big by MAC standards. Ohio University lost four offensive and three defensive linemen from the 1996 team that finished 6-6 overall and 5-4 and in fourth place in the MAC.

"What we have are a lot of linemen who will have an opportunity to play either side of the football," Grobe said. "We have several kids who were recruited who can play more than one position, which will give us a lot of flexibility as coaches."

Grobe, 45, 8-14-1 in two years as Ohio University coach, in 1996 became the first Bobcat to be named MAC Coach of the Year since the late Bill Hess in 1968. And at the conclusion of last season, Grobe's original five-year contract was extended for an additional two years. His contract now extends through Jan. 1, 2001. No financial terms were disclosed.

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Among the returners in 1997 will be quarterback Kareem Wilson, named MAC Offensive Player of the Year after setting a school record with 14 touchdown runs in 1996. He accounted for 1,072 yards rushing and another 567 passing.

The Bobcats begin spring practice April 3 and hold their annual spring game at 11 a.m. April 26 in Peden Stadium. Ohio opens the 1997 season on either Thursday, Aug. 28 or Saturday, Aug. 30 against Kent State in what may be a night game. The 11-game schedule tentatively includes five other home games — against the University of Buffalo on Sept. 20; Western Michigan on Sept. 27; Eastern Michigan on Oct. 4; Bowling Green on Oct. 18 (Homecoming); and Miami on Nov. 8.

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The official 1996 Bobcat football video, titled "Back in the Hunt!" is available by calling 1-800-575-2287. It was produced by the campus' Media Production Office. — Bill Estep

New gene therapy system at EBI could help fight cancer

A new nonviral gene therapy system developed by researchers at Ohio University could change the way scientists look at gene therapy as a treatment for cancer.

The system, developed by scientists in the university's Edison Biotechnology Institute (EBI), allows genes to be expressed outside the nucleus of a cell, making it easier for scientists to get disease-fighting genes into tumor cells.

Scientists have successfully used the T7 gene therapy system to express genes in cell cultures and in mouse models, said Thomas Wagner, distinguished professor of molecular and cellular biology at Ohio University and an inventor of the T7 system.

"We have expressed more than 30 different types of genes using the T7 system, including genes that promote anti-cancer activity," Wagner said.

The T7 vector gene therapy system is unique because it is a nonviral system that works in the cytoplasm of a cell, Wagner said. Other gene therapy techniques work in the nucleus, making them less effective in gene delivery.

While the gene therapy system could be used to express any gene, Wagner and other researchers are particularly interested in its cancer-fighting abilities. The system will allow scientists to inject a corrective gene into a tumor to attack cancer cells. And, Wagner said, the system would not have the negative side effects of chemotherapy, which kills all cells, not only the diseased cells.

"The success of gene therapy in cancer treatment depends on gene delivery," said Xandra Breakefield, professor of neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. "By cutting out some of the steps needed to get the gene to express in a cell, the T7 system will get the gene to the tumor cells quicker and provide a better therapeutic effect."

The researchers and the university received a U.S. patent on the invention in January. The T7 system has been licensed by Ohio University to Progenitor Inc., a Columbus-based biotechnology company.

Research aimed at learning more about dinosaur behavior

Scientists at Ohio University are giving a group of dinosaurs physical exams the likes of which they've never had, all as part of a project to learn more about dinosaur behavior and physiology.

Fossil records are the only testament researchers have of these creatures, but the records can tell only so much about how the animals lived. In most cases, fossils don't preserve soft tissues, an important part to the study, said Larry Witmer, principal investigator on the project and assistant professor of anatomy in biological sciences and the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Witmer is working with staff at O'Bleness Memorial Hospital in Athens to do electronic imaging of some dinosaur skulls, performing CAT scans and MRI tests on fossils on loan from museums around the country.

The research is focusing on the nasal cavities of large-nosed dinosaurs. Scientists suspect the larger nasal cavities in dinosaurs such as brontosaurus and triceratops had a unique function. Learning more about that area could provide a better understanding of dinosaurs as living and breathing animals.

As part of the study, Witmer will examine the nasal cavities of certain modern-day large-nosed animals, including elephants, tapirs and moose, all in an effort to fill in gaps not preserved in fossils.

Witmer has already done several CAT scans of dinosaur skulls on loan from the Carnegie Museum

of Natural History in Pittsburgh. During the three-year project, Witmer will examine skulls from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and a mummified duck-billed dinosaur, currently on exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

The CAT scans will reveal information about the "bony signatures" left behind by organs, muscles, nerves, arteries and veins. These signatures, or markings, will help scientists recreate the position of some soft tissues in dinosaurs.

Witmer's partner on the project, which is sponsored by the National Science Foundation, is Scott Sampson of the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine.

News flash: National study shows TV is preferred media

More Americans are getting their news in sound bites instead of newsprint, according to a new Ohio University study. The nationwide telephone survey of 1,006 adults found the preference for television newscasts over newspapers to be particularly true among people under age 35.

"The best surveys in the 1970s indicated newspapers were the primary source of news for Americans, leading both network and local broadcasts. But now there appears to be a shift over the last 20 years with local and network TV news use increasing and newspaper use declining some," said Guido Stempel, Ohio University distinguished professor of journalism and co-author of the study. Stempel conducted the research with Thomas Hargrove, a reporter for Scripps Howard News Service.

Researchers asked study participants how often they had read, watched or listened to a news report in the last week. Seventy percent of those surveyed said they watched local TV news four or more days that week, compared to 67 percent who watched network TV news four or more days, 58 percent who read a daily newspaper, and 49 percent who listened to radio news.

Using the Internet and online services as a news source rated at the bottom of the media preference

list. Five percent of survey respondents used the Internet as a source of news and 3 percent used an online service.

While the study suggests newspaper use as a news source may be declining, Stempel pointed out that newspapers still remain the primary source for local news on government, business and schools. Most Americans use two or more news media daily, and those who use newspapers are the most likely to use other media, Stempel said.

Child therapy is not a game that a board may easily solve

A therapeutic tool used by thousands of child therapists nationwide could be causing more problems than it's correcting.

Therapists use board games to help children address problems such as anger, depression, divorce and self-control, but there is little evidence the games are actually therapeutic, according to John McNamara, OU professor of psychology and co-author of the study.

"Currently, empirical validation of these games is scarce," McNamara said. "They are in widespread use and we don't know much about them."

Use of board games in therapy became popular after teachers discovered games could facilitate learning in the classroom because children are attracted to and enjoy games, McNamara said. The variety of games used in therapy ranges from traditional board games such as checkers to specialized games targeted at specific therapeutic problems.

The lack of studies of game playing in therapy may mean therapists are not using the games beneficially, according to McNamara, who said time spent playing games may be better spent on other therapeutic activities.

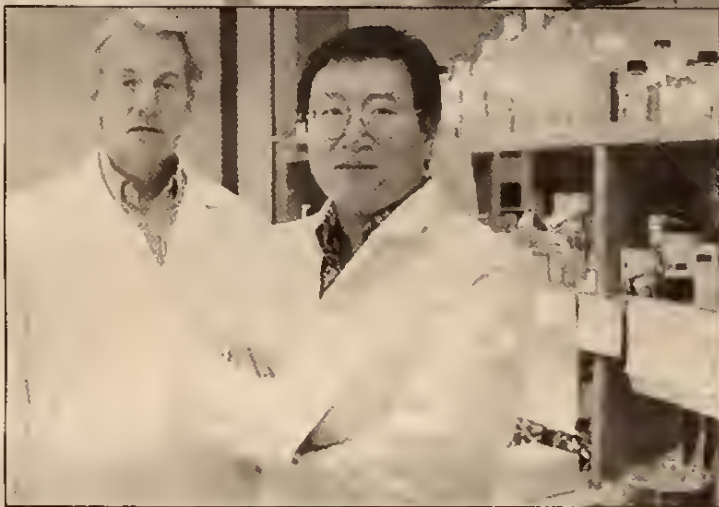
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Research notes were compiled by Kelli Whitlock, science writer for University News Services and Periodicals.



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Above: Ohio University researcher Larry Witmer (left) and O'Bleness Memorial Hospital's Jim Hatton slide the skull of a diplodocus dinosaur into a CAT scan.



Left: Ohio University Molecular Biologist Thomas Wagner (left) and Xiao Zhuo Chen of Progenitor invented the T7 gene therapy system.

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Research shows headaches are more of a pain for women

A feature article in the February issue of *Ladies' Home Journal* focusing on misconceptions doctors have about women's health highlighted the research of Psychology Professor **Ken Holroyd**. Holroyd has a five-year, \$1.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to study headaches, and he has found differences between men and women.

"Women suffer more recurrent migraine and tension headaches," Holroyd told the *Journal*, which has 5.5 million subscribers. "Unfortunately, many women are not getting effective treatment for their headaches — some because they aren't seeking help, and some because their headaches are dismissed as not being as disabling as they indeed are."

According to the story, state-of-the-art therapies, including powerful drugs and biofeedback, can reduce the number, frequency and severity of most women's headaches.

Hamby assesses the state of the nation in AP story

In a preview to President Clinton's State of the Union address in January, the Associated Press moved a story on its national wire that included Distinguished Professor of History **Alonzo Hamby's** comments about how he believes many Americans think their living standards have fallen. Hamby spoke of a national "malaise or morale problem."

"It's not that material well-being has declined, it's that we have a much more expansive idea of what that standard should be," Hamby said in the Feb. 2 story sent to more than 1,600 daily newspapers. "In the 1950s, people lived in smaller houses and thought one car was enough. For the middle class, foreign travel is a lot more routine than it was 30 years ago."

"One other thing that made the 1950s not the good old days is that there were lots of people then who were segregationists and proud of it."

Glidden analyzes state budget on Cleveland TV talk show

President **Robert Glidden** was a guest on Cleveland's popular morning talk show "The Morning Exchange" on WEWS-TV Jan. 22 in an interview that focused on funding for higher education in the upcoming state budget.



Glidden on Cleveland TV

Glidden said increased state support for higher education is critical because Ohio already contributes fewer state tax dollars per student to higher education than many other

states, resulting in higher tuition costs. "It's extremely important for the future of Ohio that we invest in higher education," Glidden said. In a Feb. 4 opinion page story in *The Plain Dealer* in Cleveland, headlined "Education must be budget priority," Glidden argued that increased funding to higher education is essential for Ohio to prosper.

"We are a state that has not fully realized that we are now in the new era of the 'knowledge worker.' The best jobs today — those that pay the best and that will make the greatest contribution to our economy and our quality of life — require increasing levels of skill and knowledge."

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colleges in relatively smaller numbers? Mainly because of cost. In 1994, for every \$1 spent nationally by parents and students on public college and university tuition fees, the states appropriated an average of \$2.18 in public support. In Ohio, by contrast, the figure was a modest \$1.24. Ohio needs to make a greater investment in higher education to provide greater access for its citizens."

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Professor of Psychology Ken Holroyd works with graduate researcher Jonathan Neufeld.

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Gordon counsels BBC on home-based therapy

Psychology Professor **Don Gordon** and graduate student **Cindi Howell** worked with the British Broadcasting Corp. in Manchester, England, on a television documentary featuring Gordon's interactive CD-ROM, "Parenting Adolescents Wisely." The BBC learned about Gordon's research after viewing videotape footage of home-based counseling therapy sessions that University News Services and Periodicals and Media Productions produced.

For the documentary, video cameras activated by motion detectors were placed in two homes with delinquent children. The families were filmed for several weeks before Howell conducted therapy sessions with the families in conjunction with their viewing the CD-ROM.

After the therapy sessions, "the videotape results show that the family's interaction improved significantly," Gordon said.

The 90-minute program was expected to air throughout Britain in March. Gordon plans to use the BBC footage in a video to inform juvenile courts, children's service agencies and mental health centers about the positive results of the CD-ROM program.

Stempel's Plain Dealer op-ed challenges state school plan

Distinguished Professor of Journalism **Guido Stempel** took issue with Gov. George Voinovich's State of the State address in a Jan. 17 opinion piece that ran in *The Plain Dealer* in Cleveland, Ohio's largest newspaper with a daily circulation of nearly 400,000.

Although Voinovich was optimistic about the future of Ohio's public schools, Stempel pointed out that "Ohio has a higher proportion of substandard school buildings than any other state, according to a study by the U.S. General Accounting Office. Despite a billion-dollar surplus, the Ohio Legislature has not addressed this problem."

Most state funding formulas rely on a majority of their funding from state and federal taxes, but Ohio's formula has local real estate taxes providing the bulk of funding, according to Stempel.

"Here's the challenge to every member of the Legislature: When you finish this session and go back home, are you going to be able to look the schoolchildren and their parents in the eye?" Stempel wrote. "Will you be proud of what you have done about school funding? Or will your answer be, 'You're not worth the money?'"

More names in the news

Radio talk shows in New York, Minneapolis, Seattle and Boston were among those who interviewed Geography Professor **Ted Bernard** soon after the release of the book he co-wrote with alumna **Jora Young**, MS '84, *Ecology of Hope: Communities Collaborate for Sustainability*. The book focuses on nine U.S. communities that have worked for better resource conservation. . . .

Professor of Journalism **Jerry Sloan** was among professors from three universities who were interviewed for a front-page story in the *Washington Post* on campuses nationwide embracing the subject of men to study and debate. Sloan is teaching a University Professor course, "The Nature of Men," winter and spring quarters. The class examines male role models and declining image of males in society.

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Know of Ohio University alumni in the news? E-mail Dwight Woodward, BA '81, MAIA '89, MSJ '89, national media liaison for University News Services and Periodicals, at dwoodward1@ohiou.edu.

Lauer is at ease on 'Today' show hot seat

By Bill Estep

It was one of those defining moments in a person's life. The year was 1992, and Matt Lauer was at his country home north of New York City waiting for the phone to ring, his television career at the crossroads.

It had been a year and three months since Lauer had held a full-time job, a year and three months since he was fired as host of an interview program on New York's WWOR-TV. Working one to two days a week for HBO, Lauer's bank account was running low and his patience was wearing thin. Then he saw the "help wanted" sign on the back of a tree trimmer's truck.

"I called the number when I got home and left a message on a machine with my name and number," Lauer remembers.

"About three hours later, while I was sitting there waiting for the tree trimmers to call back, the phone rang and it was WNBC.

"I came about an hour and a half from not being in the business. After that, it was really a wonderful run of timing, a lot of hard work and good fortune."

Lauer's run of good luck included stops at WNBC-TV as co-anchor of the 5 p.m. newscast and at NBC's "Today" show as substitute news anchor, then permanent news anchor and frequent fill-in host for Bryant Gumbel, and culminated with his appointment in December as Gumbel's successor. Lauer became "Today's" eighth male co-host in the 45 years of the show on Jan. 6.

Lauer's journey to the bright lights of the Big Apple and the NBC hot seat took several other twists and turns that included stops at Ohio University and at TV stations in Huntington, W.Va., Richmond, Va., and several other Eastern cities.

In what has become local lore on the Athens campus since January, when he was named speaker for the university's June 14 undergraduate commencement, Lauer left OU four hours short of graduating with a degree in telecommunications when the required class he needed wasn't offered in the spring of 1979. Awaiting Lauer was a job producing the noon news at WOWK-TV in Huntington, where he had completed a successful internship that winter.

Lauer, 39, is working with the School of Telecommunications to complete his degree, which he may receive when he returns to campus to speak at commencement. He says earning his degree 18 years later would carry special meaning, as will returning to campus. Lauer will speak at one, and perhaps both, of the university's undergraduate commencements in June, depending on whether first lady Hillary Clinton accepts an invitation to speak.

"It's tough for me to sit here today with what's happened and say I regret it (not staying to finish his degree)," says Lauer, who went to high school in



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Lauer, on the "Today" set with co-host Katie Couric, will speak at Ohio University's undergraduate commencement June 14.



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Greenwich, Conn. "In terms of whether it's hurt me, no, it hasn't. I hate to brag about that, because I don't want people to think it's just fine.

"But I think there should be some closure. I think there should be a push to finish something you started. It does seem like an open chapter for me and a piece of unfinished business.

"It just seemed that once I left OU, it was almost like a steamroller started and then it was difficult to stop that steamroller to complete the course I needed."

After struggling for a four-year period in the late 1980s when show after show was canceled, Lauer's steamroller began to pick up speed again when he arrived at Studio 1A at Rockefeller Center, working in the shadow of Gumbel and co-host Katie Couric. With Gumbel frequently off the air and on vacation — he took 11 weeks worth in 1996 — Lauer estimates that he co-hosted TV's No. 1-rated morning show 150 times before getting the call as Gumbel's successor.

Lauer and Gumbel developed a close friendship, which Lauer says made for a smooth transition. Gumbel's wife told Lauer that his appointment as co-host gave her the feeling that "the position was still in the family."

"I think it was the smoothest work transition I've ever witnessed," says Lauer, now working nearly 11 1/2 hours a day and many Saturdays. "I think the audience got the true feeling that this was a warm passing of the baton."

It's the way Lauer comes across with the viewing audience — as unassuming and friendly — that makes him so effective on the air, says

Arthur Savage, Ohio University associate professor emeritus of telecommunications and Lauer's adviser while he was in school. A former TV consultant, Savage corresponds with Lauer on a regular basis.

"Matthew has no pretenses, no false fronts. What you see is what you get with Matt," Savage says. "He's got an ego, everyone on the air has an ego. But he doesn't let it drive him as much as some other people. He's not in awe of himself."

"He is motivated to achieve, to be 'someone.' Matt wanted that job and, when he got the job, I know it was a very happy day for him. He's been on a clearly defined professional track. He's got a good head on his shoulders."

"I really am a firm believer that what makes people successful or not successful in this business is their ability or lack of ability to be themselves on camera," says Lauer. "I think that's the most important asset I have going for me right now. I am very comfortable just being myself on the air."

And that is probably a lot more comfortable than he will be speaking to Ohio University's Class of 1997. "I am not much of a speech-giver per se, and I think there's a bit more of a spotlight when you're going back to where you went to college," Lauer says. "I guess they're expecting me to talk a little bit about the ways OU and Athens influenced my life, and certainly there are stories about that."

"For me, college was not about learning subjects. It was really about learning to live with people."

If nothing else, Lauer can tell graduates they should never give up on their dreams, even if it means calling the tree trimmers for a job.

"It wasn't like it was a near-death experience," Lauer says, "but I look back at it and realize that those times make me appreciate this time a whole lot more."



Bill Estep is editor of Ohio University Today.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Statistics show low level of violent crime

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By Bill Estep

Ohio University Police Chief Ted Jones won't tell you there isn't any crime on the Athens campus. And when crime is reported, he won't run and hide. "Can you go to any campus in the country and find crime? Absolutely. You can find crime on our campus," says Jones. "But you won't find a high level of violent crime and crime against the person."

"When we produce a document on our campus crime, it becomes a recruiting tool for us, because our crime statistics present a standard that would measure up with anyone in the country."

With talk of campus crime rates and federal mandates on campus crime reporting on the lips of parents of prospective and current college students nationwide, Jones and other Ohio University officials say the institution has worked long and hard to create a safe atmosphere to work, study and socialize.

Crime statistics compiled by the university's Department of Campus Safety would tend to back up their claim that the Athens campus carries on its business in a relatively safe environment — that is, if you believe in the reporting of campus crime statistics at all. Critics, like the advocacy group Security on Campus, have argued that many campuses manipulate and conceal negative statistics and that they aren't complying with the federal Campus Crime Act of 1990.

The law requires that colleges and universities receiving federal aid must make public to all returning and prospective students and parents and employees reported crime for the previous calendar year in six FBI reporting categories — murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and vehicle theft (see chart below).

Security on Campus, founded by parents of a woman raped and murdered at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., developed major sections of a bill recently introduced in Congress that would significantly broaden reporting responsibilities for campus safety offices and police departments. The bill would require open campus disciplinary hearings for crime-related matters, a move long opposed by campus leaders, and would mandate that campuses begin reporting crime statistics to the U.S. Department of Education.

Jones believes the national debate over campus crime issues has shifted from finding solutions to crime to whether universities are honoring the intent of the Campus Crime Act of 1990. OU has voluntarily reported crime figures to the FBI since 1989, a year after Jones moved to campus from the



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The Campus Escort Service runs seven nights a week.

city of Athens, where he was chief of police.

"The irritation with the Campus Crime Act is that some universities are clearly not meeting the mandate of the act — the publishing of the stats," Jones says. "And some are manipulating the stats to make themselves look good. That's happening."

"But to take the broad-brush approach — to tar and feather all universities on this issue — is not fair. The majority of institutions of any size, the reputable ones, have been reporting the figures."

An examination of reported crime in the aforementioned six categories over the past four years on the Athens campus reveals that aggravated assaults have declined from 13 in 1994 to four in 1996, and that burglaries have dropped from 18 in 1994 to one in 1996. In the past four years, no on-campus murders have occurred, and there were five reported robberies.

Three campus rapes reported to OUPD in 1996 raised more than a few eyebrows on campus and attracted their share of negative publicity, as did a series of drug raids involving Ohio University students this winter. No rapes had been reported to campus police from 1993 through 1995. Of those reported in '96, two were considered "acquaintance" rapes — where the individuals knew each other — and the other was a forcible, "stranger" rape, according to Jones. The two acquaintance rapes were forwarded to the Athens County Prosecutor's Office for disposition, and the third rape, which took place Oct. 6 near Bryan Hall, remained under investigation in March.

Jones is a member of a committee of university and community officials that is investigating ways to increase the reporting of the total number of sexual assault incidents involving OU students both on and off campus. That subject sparked controversy and was the focus of campus forums over the past year.

"I think sexual assaults have always been a problem on campus, but now it's coming into the mainstream," said junior Jennifer Ridha, co-chair of the Student Senate Safety Committee. "It (underreporting of sexual assaults) has been a problem on this campus, and a problem everywhere. Just that the committee was formed was half the battle."

In other notable crime categories, which campuses are not required to make public, reports of larceny thefts on the Athens campus decreased from 205 in 1995 to 291 in 1996, and reported vandalism incidents decreased from 150 to 133

during the same time period. The number of on-campus arrests for liquor law and drug abuse violations on the campus increased in 1996. Liquor law violation arrests jumped from 14 to 69, and arrests for drug abuse violations — possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia — increased from 14 to 65. Nearly all drug abuse violations involved marijuana use. Jones claims those increases follow national trends.

Security on Campus has criticized universities for not reporting off-campus crimes — crimes in the area of a city surrounding a campus, which can drive up crime statistics, especially in urban areas. But the Campus Security Act requires the reporting of only on-campus crimes. In Athens, Jones says, "crimes against the person are relatively low both on campus and off campus. If you look at the number of assaults — sexual assaults or regular assaults — Athens is a very safe place to be."

Educational programming and counseling in areas of alcohol abuse and sexual assault awareness and rape prevention have been on the rise on the Athens campus in the areas of Residence Life and Health, Education and Wellness. Additionally, the university began installing 10 new emergency blue lights and phones around campus late winter quarter, to go along with the 18 already stationed outside each residence hall and several other major buildings. And Campus Safety's Escort Service, which accompanies students, staff and guests home or safely to their cars, has added funding and staff. A record number of 4,446 people used the service in the 1995-96 academic year.

University President Robert Glidden agrees that a safe environment in a rural setting is a selling point for the campus. But Glidden knows that can all change overnight, with one or multiple violent crimes. He was dean of the School of Music at Florida State University when Gainesville, the home of the University of Florida, was struck with the murders of five students in a four-day period in August 1990.

"That kind of tragic incident can destroy the public image of a place as being safe overnight," Glidden says. "But we in Athens have a great advantage by being off the beaten path."

"I don't know that there's any place in the country that is 100 percent safe, but I think we come about as close to it as anybody. And because we have such a good record in this area is all the more reason to work harder to both maintain and improve our campus safety."

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Bill Estep is editor of Ohio University Today.

CRIME STATISTICS

The following are calendar year 1996 statistics at Ohio's 13 state-assisted universities in the six reporting categories that are made public each fall, as required by the Campus Crime Act of 1990.

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGGRAV ASSAULT	BURGLARY	VEHICLE THEFT
Akron	0	4	4	3	11	8
Bowling Green	0	4	0	1	26	3
Central State	0	0	0	0	40	1
◆ Cincinnati	1	1	7	44	108	12
Cleveland St.	0	0	7	2	16	21
Kent State	0	6	1	1	9	1
Miami	0	5	0	3	13	0
▲ Ohio State	0	12	13	13	311	33
Ohio University	0	3	1	4	1	2
Shawnee St.	0	0	0	0	1	0
Toledo	0	0	1	4	20	4
▲ Wright St.	0	0	0	0	23	4
Youngstown St.	0	0	2	0	1	4

◆ Includes both east and west campuses;
▲ 1995 statistics; 1996 stats not available.

Sources: Individual schools

THE LAWS OF SCIENCE

Forensic Chemistry Program celebrates its 20th anniversary

By Kelli Whitlock

Carl Chasteen has examined more than 15,000 pieces of evidence from suspected arson crime scenes and reviewed at least 4,000 cases during his career as a forensic chemist. But even after 18 years, the memories of a few of those cases stand out in his mind.

About two years ago, Chasteen, BS '79, examined evidence in a case against a serial murderer while working for the state arson lab in Florida, where he is currently a crime lab supervisor. Several elderly women had been raped and killed, and their homes destroyed by fire. Chasteen determined the fires were started by rubbing alcohol, which helped convict the man accused of the crimes.

About eight years ago, this time while working for Ohio's state arson lab, Chasteen examined evidence from a murder in St. Clairsville. A girl had been tied to a bundle of tires and burned to death. Chasteen found that gasoline had been used to ignite the fire.

"Regardless of the size of the case, it's our goal to maintain our objectivity," he says. "We look for the evidence and obtain the truth in that evidence."

That's a philosophy Chasteen says he learned during college as one of the first students in Ohio University's Forensic Chemistry Program, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this academic year.

The program is one of only a dozen in the country and the only one in Ohio. More than 130 people have graduated with degrees in forensic chemistry, a program started in 1976 under the guidance of its director, Chemistry Professor Jimmy Tong.

"After the Vietnam War, there was a national decline in chemistry enrollment and we were looking for a way to recruit more students," Tong recalls. "I talked to people who worked in various types of labs to find out what they were looking for in terms of training, and found they needed forensic chemists."

Three students enrolled in the program during its first year. Currently, 110 are enrolled, with 17 percent coming from outside Ohio.

"Forensic chemistry as a science has been around for many years, but people have only recently become aware of the field," Tong says, adding that a lot of the heightened interest can be traced to increased publicity of aviation and industry disasters, and high-profile court cases involving chemical analysis of body tissues, such as the O.J. Simpson trials.

Many people enter the program seeking to solve the world's great mysteries and find the evidence needed to lock away criminals. That's what drew Tammy Bonner, BS '87, to the program.

"The whole idea of applying chemistry to law enforcement interested me," says Bonner. She is a scientist in the Ohio State Highway Patrol Crime Lab in Columbus, where another graduate of the Forensic Chemistry Program, Paul Boggs, BS '90, is a laboratory supervisor.

Besides chemically analyzing evidence gathered from crime scenes, Bonner and Boggs also testify in court about their findings.

"I knew going into this that in 10 to 15 years, I wouldn't have lost interest in my career and I still don't see that happening," Bonner says.

She credits much of her success on the job with the training she received at Ohio University. The forensic and law classes were key, she notes. She learned how to handle evidence — an important skill, she says, since many criminal cases are lost because of mishandled evidence. She

learned how to evaluate a crime scene, how to test for chemicals in drugs, and how to analyze blood and tissue samples.

Simply put, forensic chemistry is the application of chemistry to the investigation of a crime scene. But the crime scene may not be the site of a murder, arson or theft. It could be a case of environmental pollution by a business, dangerous working conditions in a factory, or contaminated food in a restaurant or food processing plant.

Graduates from the university's program work in state crime labs, coroners' offices, state and national drug enforcement agencies, and environmental protection offices.

At least 90 percent of the graduates from the Forensic Chemistry Program at Ohio University find jobs within one year of graduation. Some go on to graduate school, law school or medical school. Tong hopes to bring together graduates for a 20th anniversary reunion this summer, although a date for the event had not yet been scheduled as of March.

For Boggs, it was the career in science that held the initial attraction to the program. As a senior at Wheelersburg High School, Boggs was contemplating his academic future when one of his science teachers told him about OU's Forensic Chemistry Program. His interest was piqued first by the scientific element, and second by the criminal investigation component.

Angela DeTulleo, BS '91, a forensic chemist for the Drug Enforcement Administration South Central Laboratory in Dallas, knew she wanted to enter a career in law enforcement before she began college. It ran in the family: Her father was a police officer.

Although she shared her father's fascination with the criminal system, she also had her own passion for science. Forensic chemistry was a perfect union.

"There are very few people who can actually say that they use everything they learned in school on a daily basis in their careers. But I can say that," DeTulleo says.

Some graduates are not in the business of criminal evidence analysis. Instead, they do

toxicology analysis for pharmaceutical companies or analytical labs. Some are educators or supervisors.

And some, like Althea Artis, BS '84, have worked in several fields. Artis started her career as a forensic chemist working in a toxicology lab in Washington, D.C. She later took a position with the Georgia State Crime Lab. After four years, she moved to a job with an Atlanta pharmaceutical company that was developing new drugs to treat a variety of women's health problems, mental illnesses and gastrointestinal disorders.

"When you're working with new drugs, you have to develop new methods of chemical analysis," she says. "I was able to take what I learned from my experience in crime labs and build these new analytical methods."

Students in forensic chemistry find a course description that includes basic chemistry instruction, analytical chemistry, training in law enforcement technology, courses in biological sciences and even a photography class. Students also are required to do an internship in a crime lab.

Universities are responding to the nationwide need for forensic scientists: Several colleges have asked Tong how to start a program.

"People are entering college more oriented to specific careers," Tong says, "and they're realizing the type of training offered in a specialized program will enable them to find a job."

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Tammy Bonner and Paul Boggs at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Crime Lab in Columbus

Photo: Jack Kustron



Program founder Jimmy Tong works with students Cami Dubach and Thomas Vennard in a Clippinger Hall lab.

Forensic chemistry students Matt McCloskey and Melanie McMillin use a polarizing microscope in class.



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profiles

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Rudick, Mellen Center gain national attention for MS research



Philanthropist John Drinko (left) and Jeanette Grasselli Brown join Dr. Richard Rudick in celebrating the Hostetler Chair appointment.

By Linda Koco

It was the late 1960s when Dr. Richard Rudick's father grew ill with a brain tumor for which there was no cure. Although it was a period of his life that brought much sadness, Rudick, at the time a zoology student at Ohio University, recalls how much he liked his father's neurologist.

Later, while attending the Case Western University School of Medicine, Rudick "found other role models" that whetted his appetite for neurological research. "Neurological diseases were hard to diagnose, and many — like my father's —

were untreatable. I felt challenged to find out why," Rudick says.

That curiosity has stayed with him throughout a career that now has him researching new treatments for multiple sclerosis being used nationwide.

Rudick, M.D., BS '72, has been director since 1987 of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation Mellen Center for Multiple Sclerosis Treatment and Research. The center was among the leading MS centers to find that the drug beta interferon can slow the progress of "relapsing-remitting" MS. Last spring, the FDA approved the drug for clinical use under the trade name Avonex. In another study, the Mellen Center found that the generic drug methotrexate could help people with "chronic progressive" MS.

Until recently, there were few effective treatments for MS, so those discoveries were major breakthroughs and a boon to many of the estimated 350,000 American citizens with the disease. The illness often is called a mystery because symptoms may come and go — or come and stay — without warning. MS affects the central nervous system, causing multiple symptoms ranging from numbness and imbalance to gait, vision and speech problems, and even paralysis. The cause is not known.

Rudick's research into MS has earned him a long list of awards and grants, including the honor last

April of being named the first to hold the endowed Hazel Prior Hostetler Chair at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. The chair was created by John Drinko, co-founder of the Mellen Center and an Ohio University philanthropist. Drinko is senior partner of the Cleveland law firm of Baker and Hostetler. Jeanette Grasselli Brown, BS '50, HON '78, retired BP America executive and current Ohio Board of Regents member, is leading fund-raising efforts for the Mellen Center.

Rudick terms the Hostetler Chair a "personal honor" and praises the funding as a "real advantage."

In 1994, Rudick was named Alumnus of the Year by OU's College of Arts and Sciences, an honor that "thrilled" him and enabled him to return to campus for the first time since graduation.

Clinical caregiving is as important to Rudick as research. The center's comprehensive approach to treatment is recognized internationally because it addresses social, psychological, vocational and family problems caused by MS, he says.

Rudick is especially hopeful about one research approach to stimulate the regeneration of oligodendrocyte, which are cells that sheathe nerves in the body the way insulation surrounds an electrical wire. The cells are destroyed during MS "attacks," but if they can be regenerated, researchers believe this will restore function to many MS sufferers.

Rudick and his wife, Marilyn Goske, M.D., BS '74, entered the Rochester School of Medicine at the same time in 1977, she for a residency in radiology. She is now a diagnostic and pediatric radiologist at the Cleveland Clinic.

Rudick is proud of the Mellen Center's trailblazing work. But ever the researcher, he is looking to the day "when we can find strategies to control the disease and improve recovery," and "eventually find a cure."

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Twins have art students seeing double

By Clare Warmke

A top-secret government cloning project in Marietta, Ohio, has created two perfect humanoid clones. The female clones have been genetically programmed with a superb talent for teaching art, in an effort to make the United States the world leader in student creativity output. The clones have infiltrated the Warren Local School District.

While Sandra and Sylvia Young, both MA '85, identical twins and avid science-fiction fans, would probably approve of such an "X-Files"-esque plotline, the truth is, they are simply gifted art teachers.

Teaching the same subject in school buildings separated by only a parking lot, the sisters dress exactly the same way each day — right down to the shoes — "for the kids," who love trying to confuse new students with tales of the identical teachers.

Their art programs have gained international recognition through the Pentel International Children's Art Exhibition, sponsored by Pentel of America Ltd., producer of precision artwork tools, and the Japanese Art Education Association.

Sandra's students at Barlow-Vincent Elementary School in Vincent, 15 miles west of the sisters' home in Marietta, have won the exhibition's highest honor — the Japanese Foreign Minister's Award — a world-record four times. Together, Sandra's students and Sylvia's Warren High School students have won more gold, silver and bronze awards from the Pentel competition than any other school system.

In December, Warren High School hosted the 26th International Children's Art Exhibition's U.S. Traveling Tour, also sponsored by Pentel International. The sisters helped organize a tour of the



Sylvia, MA '85, and Sandra Young, MA '85, talk and dress alike, and teach art in the same school district.

United States for the competition's top award winners from 80 countries. The Youngs displayed 250 pieces of the winning artwork and hosted a reception.

The Young twins attribute the success of their student artists to strong administrative support and a love of teaching. They received their teaching certificates from Ohio University 35 years ago after being hired by Warren Local Schools. They returned to the Athens campus in 1985 as rather nontraditional nontraditional students, earning their master's degrees in art education while continuing to teach in Vincent.

Despite their hectic schedules while at OU the second time around, which sometimes ran from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. at least three days a week, Sandra says, "We enjoyed the classes and had great professors."

She singles out the teaching skills of Associate Professor of Art Robert Borchard.

The Youngs received second master's degrees from Marietta College in 1987, tailored to focus on oil painting and art history, and they continue to take graduate painting classes there each summer to keep their skills fresh.

Painting is not the only passion they share. In their "sanctuary," a refurbished attic nicknamed the "Bridge" from "Star Trek's" Starship Enterprise, they keep collections extensive enough to make any sci-fi fan do a double take. Pewter figurines, dolls, books, videos and more, all from their favorite science-fiction shows, are displayed neatly.

Only one in 250 births results in identical twins, most of whom remain extraordinarily close into adulthood. While the sisters' uncanny "psychological thread," a noted phenomenon among identical twins, is seemingly right out of "Star Trek" or "X-files," Sandra and Sylvia retain individual identities.

"We try to give each other our own space," explains Sandra, though they can read each other's minds and often share the same dreams.

When asked the strangest question they have been asked about being twins, they respond in unison, "How do you know that she's not you and you're not her?"

"We're not one joined being," Sylvia says, then adds laughingly, "we're an alien that split into two parts through some transporter malfunction!"

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ALUMNI MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

The grand old lady prepares for a facelift

By Corinne Colbert

When Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium closes its doors this summer for a 16-month, \$5.8-million renovation project, it will draw the curtain on an extraordinary first act that has lasted nearly 70 years.

The auditorium was built from 1927 to 1929 with \$300,000 in alumni donations and state funds as a monument to the achievements of all Ohio University graduates. In the decades since then, the only notable changes have been an upgrade of the sound system in 1974, and the renaming of the building to honor the university's first male and female African American graduates, John Newton Templeton (1828) and Martha Jane Hunley Blackburn (1916).

When the auditorium reopens, it will boast significant improvements to the stage, audio/electrical equipment, and mechanical and electrical systems. Interior renovations will include new seating and lights. Outside, the building will get a new east-side facade and lobby area. Meanwhile, performers and speakers will be shifted to Grover Center and small auditoriums around campus.

The building known to generations of OU students as "Mem. Aud." has hosted musicians as diverse as Itzhak Perlman and Stevie Ray Vaughan, and celebrities from Muhammad Ali to Barry Williams of TV's "The Brady Bunch." For years, annual commencement exercises were staged from the West Portico of the building. It has even been the site of a funeral: In 1934, the body of university President Elmer Burratt Bryan lay in state in the lobby for three hours before a memorial service in the packed house.

The 2,200-seat auditorium also has served as a backdrop for some of the most important figures in 20th century America. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. voiced his call for racial justice in a speech in Alumni Memorial Auditorium on Dec. 30, 1959. Earlier that year, then-Sen. John F. Kennedy urged students to give back to society what they had learned. As the second sitting president to visit Ohio University, Lyndon Johnson outlined his plan for the "Great Society" and the war on poverty from the West Portico in May 1964. In October 1965, former President Dwight Eisenhower visited to receive an honorary doctorate degree and told students to "enjoy life and keep a good sense of humor."

Meeting and greeting these notables falls to the university's director of public occasions, who is headquartered in the auditorium. The first to hold that title, Maurel Hunkins, fondly recalls hosting King and poet Robert Frost, and noted that Eisenhower's "just have fun" advice was not a hit with university officials who even in 1965 were bantling OU's reputation as a "social school."

The job also gave Hunkins an opportunity not afforded to most Americans. "The day President Johnson was to speak off the West Portico, the only people allowed into the auditorium by the Secret Service were my secretary and me," he says. As then-university President Vernon Alden led Johnson into the auditorium, he summoned Hunkins to his side.

"He said, 'The president needs to use the restroom; so I got to escort the president of the United States to the men's room,'" Hunkins says with a chuckle. "There aren't too many people who can say that."

Hunkins founded the long-running Movies in



The 68-year-old auditorium will close at the end of June so a \$5.8 million renovation project can begin.

The 2,200-seat facility has played host to the popular Performing Arts Series since 1959.



Photo: Rick Etkin, Sketch: Paul Bradford

the Auditorium series in 1947, which entertained countless students — including Maggi Channell, BSJ '73, MA '80, who marked her first weekend at OU by seeing "Doctor Zhivago."

"There I was with people I didn't really know on my first Saturday night at college, and it seemed we ought to do something," she says. "We were all underage, so we couldn't go Uptown. Going to the movie was a great way of easing into college."

The series continued well into the 1970s under Hunkins' successor, Richard Stevens. Stevens made his mark with the Performing Arts Series that was created in 1959, booking such top-notch artists as Perlman, Duke Ellington and Dizzy Gillespie and the premiere of the national tour of "Agnes of God," starring Geraldine Page and Amanda Plummer.

A less welcome guest was a certain flying pest. "One night we had an orchestra playing and suddenly there was a bat in the auditorium," Stevens recalls. "It kept dive-bombing the conductor and the musicians, but we couldn't interrupt the program just to catch a bat! Finally it went up into the balcony and stayed there, and at intermission we were able to catch it."

As one of the auditorium's cadre of student ushers, David Snow, BS '85, was driven batty by the crowd during a 1985 concert by the Ramones, a punk-rock band.

"Everybody ran down toward the stage and started dancing, and it was so loud you couldn't hear yourself think," he says. "We were sent down to get people to go back to their seats. I grabbed one guy and shouted at him, but he just looked at me like I had something growing out of my head. I gave up."

More than 250 events are now held each year in Alumni Memorial Auditorium, including lectures, School of Music concerts, film and comedy series, and the annual Honors Convocation. Although she has continued the tradition of bringing world-class performers to the auditorium as part of the Performing Arts Series, current Director of Public Occasions Gretchen Stephens, MFA '83, gets the biggest kick out of meeting students like Snow.

"We have 150 students on the employee roster as ushers, ticket sellers, house managers and stage crew," she says. "I still hear from or run into people who worked here."

Stephens hopes to mark the reopening of the auditorium in early 1998 with a reunion of past employees.

"Physically, this building will change a lot, with renovated seating and a space that will be much more inviting," Stephens says. "But you'll never be able to erase the memories of the old auditorium."

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of interest to alumni.



Promoting the good life

An active student life

By Rick Harrison

When I look back on my years as an Ohio University student, some of the most significant and important times were those spent outside the classroom participating in extracurricular activities. Being involved with my fraternity and other student organizations and a year-long internship with the Office of Student Life Programs helped prepare me for life in many ways. As is evident by conversations with Ohio University alumni over the past 11 years, I know that I am not alone in believing that extracurricular life played a major role in shaping the success level and fierce loyalty we see from our graduates.

Here are some statistics to ponder: According to Terry Hogan, director of student activities and the Center for Community Service, there currently are more than 360 registered student organizations on the Athens campus, with numerous others at the five regional campuses. This number represents a 50 percent increase over the past decade, and it is estimated that more than 90 percent of all students are involved in extracurricular life in some way.

While the following numbers represent overlap through multiple memberships and involvements, organization membership participation numbers more than 18,000, and intramural sports participation tops 19,000. More than 2,400 students belong to a fraternity or sorority, and another 100 are involved with student government.

I mention these figures to emphasize that extracurricular life continues to thrive on our campus, and also to make a request. While hundreds of faculty and staff do an admirable job of advising these organizations, there is a real need for alumni involvement and support. Our students would love to have a list of graduates interested in serving as mentors, professional advisers, career contacts or speakers.

The benefits of contributing to a scholarship or conference fund or making a gift-in-kind donation would make a world of difference to many organizations that have to sponsor full-raiser after fund-raiser to supplement limited campus support.

When people ask why Ohio University is such a popular choice for students these days, I add an active extracurricular experience to a list that also includes a top-flight academic reputation and an attractive and safe campus setting.

If you are interested in learning more about Ohio University student life and ways you can be involved, contact Hogan (e-mail: thogan1@ohio.edu), Student Activities Office, 204 Baker Center, Athens, Ohio 45701, or Vice President and Dean of Students Joel Rudy (e-mail: jrudy1@ohio.edu), 212 Cutler Hall.

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Postscript: On a sad note, I mention the loss of two alumni who for more than 60 years worked to make this such a special place. George Brown, AB '31, and his wife, Ruth '32, who passed away within three days of each other in January, dedicated their lives to the Green & White. They will be sorely missed.

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Malas, Wirakusumah earn Ping Recent Graduate honors

James Malas III, Ph.D. '91, and Ridha D.M. Wirakusumah, BSEE '85, MBA '87, have been named winners of the 1996-97 Ping Recent Graduate Award. The award recognizes those who have graduated in the past 15 years and have shown active interest in the university and/or how an Ohio University education has been a factor in their career development. The award, named after President Emeritus Charles J. Ping and his wife Claire, is presented annually by the Ohio University Alumni Association.

Malas, a senior materials research engineer at the Wright Lab at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, has significantly impacted research directions in advanced materials processing and improved capabilities for designing and controlling metal forming processes. He attributes his success to the specialized knowledge he gained while pursuing an individual interdisciplinary Ph.D. in engineering at Ohio University. His doctoral program was used as a model in the successful proposal to the Ohio Board of Regents to create a new Ph.D. program in integrated design at Ohio University.

Malas is a member of the Ohio University Mechanical Engineering Advisory Board, and he actively promotes the capabilities of the university's Advanced Materials Processing Center to government organizations and numerous manufacturing industries around the country. He continues to collaborate with faculty and students of the Russ College of Engineering and Technology.

Malas has earned several professional honors, serves on editorial review boards for international journals and organizes many major technical conferences.

Wirakusumah is an active member of the Ohio University Indonesian Alumni Chapter. He played a role in developing Ohio University's Asian Alumni Conference and was a delegate at the first conference in 1992.

At 29, Wirakusumah was the youngest person to reach the vice presidential level at Citibank in Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia. Currently, he is devising and implementing a health care business strategy for General Electric Capital-Retailer Financial Services of Stamford, Conn. Wirakusumah expects to eventually



James Malas III



Ridha D.M. Wirakusumah

return to Indonesia to take over the position of country manager of GE Capital-Indonesia.

As the former director of corporate finance at Bankers Trust Jakarta, Wirakusumah headed the bank's corporate finance group arranging debt and equity fund raising in local and international capital markets.

Wirakusumah earned a bachelor's degree cum laude from Ohio University in electrical engineering, and a master's degree in international finance and business administration. He was a leader in the Indonesian Students Association, and was a member of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society, and Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society.

Alumni Association offers two summer scholarships for grads

The Alumni Association is offering two summer scholarships for Ohio University graduates who are interested in continuing their education at the university. All applicants must have earned an Ohio University degree before 1994.

The scholarships cover 18 hours of credit for summer 1997 course work on the Athens campus or any of the five regional campuses. Summer sessions run from June 16 to July 18 and July 21 to Aug. 22. The scholarships do not include a membership fee to the Ping Student Recreation Center.

The scholarship application deadline is May 2. For an application, write Summer Scholars, Koneker Alumni Center, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869; phone 614-593-4300; fax 614-593-4310; or e-mail rtharrison@ohio.edu.

Sports camp scholarships available for children of Bobcat alumni

For the 12th consecutive year, the Alumni Association is offering two scholarships for children of alumni to attend summer sports camps on the Athens campus. Scholarships are available for children ages 8 through 17.

All applicants must have at least one parent who is an Ohio University graduate. No scholarships will be awarded to children of alumni who have earned a varsity athletic letter in the ninth grade or beyond.

Applicants must submit a 100-word essay they have written, and a letter of application that includes their name, age, address, school, and parent's name and year of graduation from Ohio University.

The application deadline is May 2, and scholarship winners will be notified by the Alumni Association by May 9. Submit applications to Summer Camp Scholarships, Ohio University Alumni Association, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869; or fax 614-593-4310.

Alumni chapter news

California

The **Greater Los Angeles Chapter** hosted alumni as the Bobcat men's basketball team traveled to the West Coast for games on Dec. 12 and Dec. 14 against Cal State Northridge and UCLA, respectively. The chapter sponsored a party before the UCLA game at Breakers Billiards Parlor, Bar and Fun Emporium. Representatives from the university included Alan Gieger '83 '84, assistant to the president, Pam Vander Ark '86 '90, assistant director for alumni services, and Monroe Slavin '91, National Alumni Board member.

Colorado

The **Colorado Chapter** of the Alumni Association sponsored a party for the Bobcat football satellite telecast of the Miami game on Nov. 6 at Zang Brothers Company in Denver. The event was organized by Tom Edwards '90.

Florida

The **Gulf Coast Chapter** held its annual Alumni Golf Tournament at the Landbrook Golf and Country Club in Palm Harbor on Oct. 12. Thirty-one chapter members gathered with Miami University alumni to watch the telecast of the Bobcat-Miami football game on Nov. 9 at Captain Kamakos Restaurant in Treasure Island. The program was coordinated by Bob Ruppel '90. More than 40 alumni were guests of Al Daniel '90 at a cocktail party on Jan. 18 at Champions Sports Bar in Tampa.

The Gulf Coast, Suncoast (Sarasota) and Southwest (Fort Myers/Naples) Florida chapters honored retiring Vice President for Development Jack Ellis in December. Forty-four

Gulf Coast Chapter alumni were guests of Marge '91 and Don Voelker '91 on Dec. 6. On Dec. 7, **Suncoast** alumni attended a cocktail reception and luncheon at The Field Club in Sarasota as the special guests of Lenora Hughes '90. On Dec. 8, **Southwest** alumni attended a reception and luncheon at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Naples.

Georgia

Several alumni attended the annual Christmas Fellowship Extravaganza Dec. 14 hosted by the **Atlanta African-American Chapter**, which included food, fun and fellowship. The event took place at Crowe's Nest Aleghria. The program was coordinated by Wyman Smith '87 and Roberts Rhodes '87.

Illinois

The **Greater Chicago Chapter** gathered during the Christmas holidays for Felix Navidad Saturday Dec. 8 at the Blue Agave Tequila Bar and Restaurant. The program was coordinated by Sam Lowell '91.

New York

The **New York/New Jersey/Connecticut Communication Group** sponsored a dinner and panel discussion on Nov. 4. The panel included Geoffrey Haynes '90, news editor of online services at the Associated Press, Larry Nighswander, director of the School of Visual Communication at Ohio University, Bud Kraus '91, president of myrris, and Rob Stewart, webmaster, Scripps School of Journalism. Moderator was Catherine Braden Hempley '88, public relations director at Parade Publications. Other guests included Ralph Izard, director of the Scripps School of Journalism, George Kohn, director of the School of Telecommunication, College of Communication Dean Kathy Kerrell, and Dexter Bailey '92, assistant director for alumni communications.

Ohio

The **Ohio University Women's Club of Cleveland** hosted 30 alumni at its fall luncheon on Oct. 16 at the Shaker Heights Country Club. An excellent concert was provided by Ohio University faculty members Gal Berenson, Sylvia Henry and Richard Syracuse.

Judith Johnson, assistant alumni director for programs and events, updated the **Akron Association of Ohio University Women** on current events on the Athens campus at the group's October meeting at the home of Donna McCarthy '90. Twenty-two alumni attended. Patricia Hercules '90 hosted the November meeting. Guest speakers were the Rev. and Mrs. James B. Wolfe of Cuyahoga Falls. Thirty-three attended the association's annual holiday luncheon on Dec. 7 at the Akron Women's City Club. A choral group from the Akron Blind Center entertained the group with Christmas music.

Vander Ark joins campus staff as assistant director for alumni services

Former Athens County Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director

Pam Vander Ark, AB '86, MA '90, has joined the Office of Alumni Relations as assistant director for alumni services. She began her new position Dec. 2.

Vander Ark, an Akron native, spent six years with the Convention and Visitors Bureau, where she worked closely with the university. In Alumni Relations, she is liaison with 14 of the university's 61 alumni chapters, and works with the office's credit card and insurance programs. She also is responsible for expanding professional career networking opportunities for alumni.

Vander Ark graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees in political science. She is a member of the advisory committee of the campus' Institute for Local Government Administration and Rural Development, a former vice president of the Ohio Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus, and a board member of Tri-County Community Action Agency and the Enterprise Development Corp., which provides help for small businesses.

Alumni Travel Program plans journeys to Swiss Alps, Alaska

The Ohio University Alumni Association is sponsoring the following trips especially designed for alumni and friends as part of the Alumni Travel Program:

- A trip to the Swiss Alps July 20-28, which will be patterned after the successful Campus Abroad Program to Great Britain and its successful combination of educational, cultural and sightseeing programs.

Experience the Hasli Valley of Switzerland, an Alpine wonderland 2,000 feet above sea level, surrounded by snowy, 10,000-foot mountain peaks.

- An eight-day Alaskan cruise aboard the Cunard Dynasty departs July 28. The trip includes round-trip air fare from most U.S. cities. As Alaska's amazing scenery glides by, you'll live in first-class style on Cunard's newest liner.

- The New River gorge in West Virginia will be the site of an alumni trip down one of the most beautiful whitewater rivers in the East on Aug. 23-24.

For additional information on these trips, write or call Judith Johnson, Alumni Travel, Konneker Alumni Center, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869; phone 614-593-4300; fax 614-593-4310; or e-mail jjohnson5@ohiou.edu.



Pam Vander Ark

Women's swimming and diving team wins National Board award

The Ohio University women's swimming and diving team received the National Alumni Board Award for Team Excellence from the Alumni Association Jan. 22 at halftime of the Bobcat-Toledo men's basketball game in the Convocation Center.

Head Coach Greg Werner and members of last year's team were on hand to accept the award for best performance athletically, academically and in community service. The team finished second in the Mid-American Conference in 1996, maintained a collective grade point average above 3.0, participated in the Hocking River environmental cleanup community project, and served as volunteers for the Athens Criterium bike race.

The award was based on performance in the 1995-96 academic year.

Bryan Hall celebrates 50th anniversary with Oct. 18 open house

Bryan Hall will kick off a year-long celebration of its 50th anniversary with a "Welcome Back to Bryan" open house and reception from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 18, the weekend of Homecoming. Bryan is the oldest building on the Athens campus serving as a residence hall. It is the current home to 150 students.

Besides the open house, the Bryan Hall Council is putting together a "Living Biography of Bryan Hall." The book will trace the building's history through stories of its residents, past and present.

Former residents are asked to send their name, years they lived in Bryan, current address and job, and photos to: Jim Michnowicz, Bryan Hall 50th, 22 University Terrace, Athens, Ohio 45701. Stories relating to Bryan Hall also are welcome.

Event organizers would like photos of alumni today and when they lived in Bryan Hall.



Photo courtesy of Portland Trail Blazers

Former Bobcat Gary Trent (shooting above), nicknamed the "Shaq of the MAC" while a three-time most valuable player in the conference, has come into his own this season in the NBA as a second-year forward for the Portland Trail Blazers. Through early March, he had started 26 games, was averaging 11.2 points and 5.1 rebounds, and ranked sixth in the league with a .542 field goal percentage. The 40 people who attended an alumni event at halftime of the Portland-Detroit game Jan. 29 at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich., received an NBA playing card autographed by Trent, a Pistons T-shirt and other prizes. The event was organized by former Bobcat guard Chad Estis, BSC '93, and Doug Dawson, BSSE '96.

The **Eastern Campus (Belmont County) Chapter** hosted more than 60 alumni and friends during an evening reception and two theater productions: "Graceland" and "Scooter Thomas Makes It To the Top of the World." The program, held on the Eastern Campus, was coordinated by Peggy Parsons '89 '93, career services adviser at the campus.

More than 150 people attended the **Southeast Ohio Chapter's** Holiday Open House Dec. 15 in the 1804 Room of Baker Center. Several members of the Ohio University Emeriti Association attended this popular event.

More than 300 members of the **Central Ohio Chapter** attended the annual concert by the Marching 110 and reception at the Ohio Theatre Nov. 12. Among those in attendance were College of Business Interim Dean John Stinson and members of his staff. The chapter sponsored a party to watch the Ohio-Miami football game on big-screen TV Nov. 9 at the Holiday Inn West. More than 70 alumni attended that event, including Dexter Bailey '92, assistant alumni director for communications. The program was organized by Bret McCormick '83. The chapter held its seventh annual Ohio University Christmas Brunch on Dec. 15 at the Westin Hotel. Following the brunch, guests attended a presentation of "The Nutcracker" at the Ohio Theatre.

The **Greater Cincinnati Chapter** hosted a bash before the Miami-Bobcat football contest on Nov. 9 at Skipper's Pub in Oxford. More than 200 alumni and friends attended, including Director of Alumni Relations Rick Harrison '82 and several Student Alumni Board members. National Alumni Board President Scott Kirschman '85 organized the program.

The **Greater Cleveland Chapter** sponsored the 16th Annual Rainbow Fun Run on Dec. 22 in Cleveland Heights. Proceeds were donated to the Rainbow Babies' and Children's Hospital. Each participant brought a new stuffed animal for the children. This program was organized by Dan Salvini '73. The chapter held its annual holiday get-together on Dec. 12 at Pete and Dewey's Planet.

The **Greater Dayton Chapter** kicked off its 50th anniversary celebration with the annual fall dinner at the Gallery at Yankee Trace. Trustee Professor of English Samuel Crowl was the keynote speaker. Doug McCabe, university records manager in Alden Library, displayed photos and historical pieces from the old mental health facility now called The Ridges. Judith Johnson, assistant alumni director for programs and events, also attended this event.

Pennsylvania

The **Greater Pittsburgh Chapter** held a fall organization meeting and Bobcat football party on Nov. 9 at Kangaroos. A new steering committee was named and plans were made for future activities. New coordinators are Dave Radanovich '79 and Brian Tedeschi '88.

Missouri

The **St. Louis Alumni Chapter** held a "Beat Miami" football party Nov. 9 at Ozzie's Sports Bar. Donna Jones '80 organized the event. The fall dinner meeting was held Sept. 28 at the Bluebird Bed and Breakfast.

Texas

The **Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter** hosted a fall gathering and potluck dinner on Nov. 16 at the home of Dave Bates '35 in Duncanville.

The **Houston Chapter** met at the home of Becky and Bill Edmonson on Nov. 9 for an open house and tailgate party to watch the Bobcats take on Miami via satellite. Chapter members used the occasion to donate blankets, toys and canned food to local charities.

Massachusetts

The **Massachusetts Chapter** serving New England organized three chapter events recently, including a night of comedy; a Portland-Boston NBA game that featured former Bobcat player Gary Trent; and the Ohio-Miami men's basketball telecast on the big screen. The events were organized by Bob Rings '63 '67 '76 and Julie Zdanowicz '80.

Japan

Provost Sharon Brehm was the guest of honor at a banquet sponsored by the **Ohio University Alumni Association of Japan** on Nov. 7. Forty members of the Japan chapter attended the event at the Shiba Park Hotel in Tokyo. Also present were Vice Provost for International Programs Felix Gagliano, Assistant to the President Alan Geiger and his wife Sandy; and Professor of Political Science Harold Mohne, currently teaching at OU's sister school, Chubu University in Nagoya, Japan. Chapter President Ichiro Seto '53 presided over the festivities. Among highlights was a video that updated Japanese alumni on current activities on the Athens campus.

of interest to alumni.

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Vacation can be an education for Alumni College participants

The Alumni Association values the idea that continuing education keeps us in touch with the world around us. And that's the premise behind the Alumni College Program, now in its 19th year.

This three-and-a-half day educational/recreational vacation will take place on the Athens campus Thursday, July 10 through Sunday, July 13. This year's selection of academic and optional programs should provide something for everyone, including a Junior Alumni College Program supervised by a certified educator for children ages 6 to 12.

Alumni College '97 will feature many of Ohio University's best and brightest faculty members lecturing on contemporary topics. The group includes Anne Cooper-Chen, professor of journalism, "TV Game Shows Around the World"; Dean McWilliams, professor of English, "The Western Cinema: America's Myth"; William Owens, associate professor of classics, "Slaves and Masters in Ancient Rome"; Jan Palmer, associate professor of economics and chairman of the Economics Department, "The CPI (Consumer Price Index), Social Security and You"; Madeleine Scott, professor of dance and director of the School of Dance, "Movement and Meaning: A Convergence of Personal and Cultural Contexts"; Matthew White, associate professor of biological sciences, "The Angler as Biologist"; and Assistant Professor of Music Sylvia Henry, "Musical Excursions Through America."

The Junior Alumni College Program allows children to experience "college life" through workshops, field trips and hands-on activities specifically designed to educate and expand the young mind.

Optional programs for alumni include golf, swimming, yoga, country line-dancing and men's health issues. Other options are stargazing the Internet for the beginner and designing your own home page.

On Saturday night, Alumni College participants will head to The Ridges, the old mental health facility now owned by the university, for a tour of the unexplored sections of this historic facility. Participants also will view the new Ohio University Kennedy Museum of American Art and enjoy an old-fashioned picnic to complete the extended weekend.

Space is limited for Alumni College, so make your reservations early. To receive a copy of the registration brochure, please write Alumni College '97, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869.



Photo: Rick Fatica

More than 1,000 siblings of Ohio University students traveled to Athens Feb. 14-16 for events coordinated by the Alumni Association and alumni chapters. Here, Admissions Counselor Erek Perry (right) watches as sibs sign up with the Admissions Office to begin receiving regular mailings from the university. The sign-up table was in the Convocation Center.

Silver era reunion planned in Athens for 1970-74 graduates

The Alumni Association will host a silver era reunion the weekend of Sept. 19-21 for Ohio University alumni and friends who graduated during 1970 to 1974.

The alumni office has planned a weekend of special receptions, a campus tour, presentations by current faculty members and administrators, and a pregame meal before the Ohio-Buffalo football game.

Rooms may be reserved by calling the Ohio University Inn at 614-593-6661, the Amerihost at 594-3000, or the Days Inn at 592-4000. Ask for rooms reserved by the Alumni Association.

This weekend was developed with one unique feature — a reunion within a reunion. The Cavern Reunion, planned for Sept. 19, will bring together musicians who appeared at the Cavern in the late 1960s through mid-1970s. The Cavern is now the Front Room in Baker Center. Performers have been lined up for the reunion.

Cavern fans and friends interested in participating should contact Peter Vogel, BFA '74, at 301-447-1101 or pete.vogel@fema.gov, or Bill Mullins in Athens at 614-592-2433 or bmullins@evi.ev.net.

Graduates will receive more information on the silver era reunion in the mail in April. If you have not updated your address with the university, contact the Office of Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869; or e-mail jjohnsonj@ohiou.edu.

Five former standouts inducted into Athletics Hall of Fame

Five former standouts were honored as the newest members of the Ohio University Athletics Hall of Fame during a ceremony at halftime of the men's basketball game against Kent on Feb. 8. This year's class, which brings the total in the hall to 195 since 1965, includes Joy Clark, BSED '92, women's swimming; Shannan Ritchie, MBA '90, women's cross country; Kevin Priessman, BSRS '84, baseball; Roger Hosler, BSED '68, track; and Kurt Blank, BBA '75, wrestling.

Leading the class is Clark, who dominated the Mid-American Conference and helped the Bobcats win four league titles in women's swimming. From 1988 to 1992, she was a five-time All-American and won 19 individual MAC titles.

Ritchie was an NCAA All-American and NCAA All-District in both 1988 and 1989, and owns school records at 5,000, 8,000 and 10,000 meters. Priessman, an outfielder, is only player to be named All-MAC and All-District IV three times (from 1977-79).

Hosler was a member of four MAC relay title teams in 1967 and 1968 and a mile relay foursome that placed second at the NCAA championships. Blank led the Bobcats to three consecutive MAC wrestling championships and was an All-American as a junior at 177 pounds.

Constituent society notebook

The **College of Business** has re-established the regular publication of its alumni newsletter with fall and winter editions. The newsletter will be published three times per year. The **College of Business Society of Alumni and Friends** hosted successful alumni receptions fall quarter in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Dayton. The first Society of Alumni and Friends lecture of 1996-97 was held Oct. 22 in Copeland Hall. David Lusty, MBA '92, presented "How to Evaluate a Job Offer" to more than 100 students. On Feb. 11, Kevin O'Brien discussed time management in Copeland Hall. The Society of Alumni and Friends will be assisting the college in student recruitment. At the fall meeting, society members were briefed by Michael Billa, director of student services in the college, and Associate Director of Admissions Rich Becknell.

The **College of Communication Society of Alumni and Friends** Board of Directors will hold its spring board meeting on campus May 4-5. The 29th annual Communication Week will be May 2-9. Interpersonal Communication activities kick off the event on Friday, May 2. Telecommunications and Communication Systems Management events will take place on Monday, May 5. Visual Communication and Journalism events will be Tuesday, May 6; and the International Conference on Entertainment-Education and Social Change will follow on May 7-10. Dean Kathy Krendl and college staff will meet with the Communication Alumni Group in Chicago on April 3.

Several board members for the **College of Education Society of Alumni and Friends** met on campus during Siblings Weekend Feb. 14-16 to review and interview candidates for annual awards recognizing outstanding alumni, faculty and students. The awards will be presented during the annual spring meeting of the society on April 18. The Society of Alumni and Friends will host the fourth annual Spring Conference from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 18 in McCracken Hall. The conference is open to all education students and alumni. Panels hosted by alumni will cover the following topics: classroom realities, both at the elementary and secondary levels; new teacher certification standards; portfolio development; how to get a job, and inclusion of special needs students in K-12 classrooms. The society's board will hold its annual spring meeting on April 19. Future meeting dates include Oct. 16-18; April 17-18, 1998, and Oct. 17-19, 1998. The society is looking for board members willing to serve three-year terms. Letters of interest should be addressed to Valaria McCabe, College of Education Society of Alumni and Friends, Box 45, McCracken Hall, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

The **College of Health and Human Services Society of Alumni and Friends** Board of Directors held its fall meeting Oct. 12. New members are: Jane Ann Aanstad, BSHSS '76, MAHSS '81; Rita Cyr, BSHE '88, and Linda Logan, BSC '77, MSA '80. Open three-year board terms exist for the following schools: Hearing and Speech Sciences (one position); Human and Consumer Sciences (two positions: one for retail merchandising and one for interior design);

Nursing (two positions); Physical Therapy (one position); and Recreation and Sport Sciences (three positions: one each in sport sciences, physical education and athletic training). Those interested in serving on the board should contact Lee Cibrowski, 014 Grosvenor Hall, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701; call 614-593-9336; or e-mail lcibrowski1@ohiou.edu. Please include your name, degree, major, current address, phone number and job information.

The **College of Osteopathic Medicine Society of Alumni and Friends** elected two new board members in November: Robert Biscup, D.O. '80, an orthopedic surgeon from Cleveland, and Timothy Coss, D.O. '91, an internist at the College of Osteopathic Medicine. The society is in the process of electing officers. On March 15, an alumni reception was scheduled in Anaheim, Calif., at the annual American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians Convention. In June, Amy Tunanidas, D.O. '82, will become the first graduate of OU-COM to take the office of president of the Ohio Osteopathic Association at the group's convention in Cleveland.

University College plans to initiate a society of alumni and friends this year. Anyone interested in participating in the planning or being a board member should contact Oean Patricia Richard at 614-593-1935; fax, 614-593-0206; or e-mail prichard1@ohiou.edu.



Ralph E. Schey, BSOM '48, HON '57



Suzanne Ryan Curran, AB '68



Daniel A. Carp, BBA '70



Amy Hardcastle, BSJ '63



Frank L. Waters, BSCE '63



Kate Hancock, MA '85, PhD '92

1940s

Ralph E. Schey, BSOM '48, HON '57, was appointed by Gov. George V. Voinovich to the Ohio Board of Regents, School of Westlake, a chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Cleveland-based Scan Ertzer Co., a diversified manufacturing company. His nine-year term as an Ohio University trustee expired last year.

1950s

Bill Kennard, BSOM '54, Ohio University's treasurer and vice president for finance, will retire this summer following a 30-year career with the campus. Kennard was named university controller in 1962, treasurer in 1976 and a vice president in 1991.

Thomas E. Kutby, BSJ '55, was one of five creative thinking experts to lead "Creative Thinking in Action," a 30-minute program which trained 20 delegates from key South African organizations how to tap into work force potential and build creative organizations. He is president of Kutby & Associates Inc. in Chagrin Falls.

1960s

Dick Feagler, AB '60, has written a book, *Feagler's Cleveland*, a collection of 104 of his newspaper and magazine columns from the past six years pulled together by editors Richard J. Osborne and Edward J. Walsh. The book was published by Gray and Company. Feagler is a columnist for *The Plain Dealer* in Cleveland, and has won award-winning commendations can be seen on WEWS-TV in Cleveland.

David L. Burner, BSOM '62, was elected chief executive officer of the BF Goodrich Co., headquartered in Richfield. Burner, who took over as company president in December 1991, will assume his new duties July 1. He is a member of the Ohio University Foundation Board of Trustees.

Kenneth A. Rocco, AB '62, has been elected to the Ohio Court of Appeals by voters of the Eighth Appellate District in Cuyahoga County. He has served as a common pleas juvenile division judge since 1984. He and his wife, **Rebecca Schott Rocco, BSED '63**, live in Brecksville.

Ronald H. Abraham, BBA '63, received the Israel Freedom Award for Tzavim and Jewish community. He lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and is active in a variety of community service programs.

Linda Bauer, MED '63, was named the fourth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, 1994. She has been an associate professor of education since 1974 at the University of Rio Grande.

Bob Lilley, BSEE '63, MS '67, PhD '74, will serve as the Kohlen Muir Visiting Professor at Chubu University in Nagoya, Japan, spring quarter. He will lecture and research in the area of electrical engineering. Lilley has worked for Ohio University since 1963 and has been director of the Avionics Center since 1989.

Richard Mansfield, BA '65, retired after 30 years of teaching English and journalism at Worthington High School in suburban Columbus. He is now a realtor, specializing in residential sales, with Caldwell Banker Grand Traditions in Gahanna.

Suzanne Ryan Curran, AB '68, became chair of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy Board of Directors, an international group with 4,000 members. She is vice president of the Memorial Foundation and is leading a multi-million dollar philanthropic effort for the Memorial Healthcare System in Houston.

Suzanne Matheny, MED '68, was promoted to assistant vice president for administration and planning at Belmont University in Nashville. She oversees the campus ministry, career services and office of safety and security, as well as student affairs. Matheny formerly was dean of student affairs.

H. Lee Task, BS '68, was a 1992 recipient of the American Society for Testing and Materials Award of Merit. The title of fellow accompanies the award. He was cited for his exceptional technical contributions to and inspirational leadership in developing standard test methods for aerospace manufacturers. Task is a senior scientist with Armstrong Laboratory, U.S. Air Force. He resides in Riverside.

Joel P. Eigen, AB '65, was named the Charles A. Dana Professor of Sociology, an endowed professorship at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. He has won several other awards for distinguished teaching and scholarship, and recently published *Witnessing Insanity: Madness and Mad-Doctors in the English Court*, a book examining the historical roots of the insanity plea. He has taught at Franklin & Marshall since 1976.

Richard B. Freeman, M.D., BS '69, is clinical associate professor in the Department of Otolaryngology in Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine in Cleveland.

Damon Stokes, BSED '69, MA '78, is an associate professor of history and political science at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland. He recently published the book *Snaps and Snails and Puppy Dog Tails*, a historical story in which a student discovers a section of America where gender roles are reversed. It was published by The Cryptid Publishing House in Cleveland.

1970s

Daniel A. Carp, BBA '70, was named president and chief operating officer of Eastman Kodak Co. in December. He joined Kodak in 1970 and rose to general manager of company operations in Latin America and Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Howard J. Alspach Jr., BSJ '72, founder of *Free Paper Publisher*, a publication for free newspapers, sold his company to Editor & Publisher Co. Alspach remains publisher while working in Lancaster.

Art Greenberg, BSC '70, purchased WRRO-AM, a radio station in Warren Greenberg owns Star Communications Inc. and lives in Solon.

Terrence McDonnell, BSC '70, won a second Emmy Award for "Outstanding Achievement in Writing - Special Class" for his work as head writer and associate producer of the TV game show "Jeopardy!" The Emmy nomination was McDonnell's seventh for writing and fifth for his contributions to "Jeopardy!"

James Van Etten, BSIT '70, MBA '71, has been named general manager, strategic projects international for the Tetken Company's North and South America Branch Business Group.

Marilyn Parker, BS '72, won a 1996 Tandy Prize for outstanding achievement in mathematics, science and computer science. Parker, of Henderson, Nev., also was named a Nevada state finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Education. She's been a math teacher in Nevada since 1978.

Thomas H. Redding Jr., BSED '73, has been named a Jennings Scholar for the 1990-91 academic year. He is in his 24th year as a teacher; the last 20 of which he has taught in the Akron Public Schools. He is an English teacher at Akron Eliot High School.

David L. Schaeffer, BBA '73, was elected vice chairman, North American region, of Independent Accountants International, a network of 11 independent accounting firms in 88 countries. Schaeffer is senior vice president of NCOT Accounting & Consulting Inc., with offices in Lancaster, Dublin and Toledo.

Neal Pettison, BSJ '74, has been promoted to assistant managing editor of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*. Pettison, who joined the newspaper in February 1990, recently was selected national president of the Society of Newspaper Editors.

Peter Vogel, BFA '74, is an education specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Management Institute, in Emmitsburg, Md. Vogel produces educational videos and teaches courses on emergency public information management for public safety personnel. He lives in Gettysburg, Pa.

Donna Brink Fox, MM '75, was the 1990 recipient of the Eusebian Award for Distinguished Teaching in the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester (R.Y.) Fox, an associate professor and chair of the Music Education Department, has taught at the Eastman School for 11 years.

Jeanne Watson, PhD '75, will become the first woman president of Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln July 1. She has been dean of the women's college at Tulane University in New Orleans since 1993.

Barbara Crouse, BSC '76, was named director of marketing and promotion for American Radio Systems in Baltimore, Md. ARS owns five Baltimore radio stations.

Charlotte Westerhaus, BSJ '76, MED '86, is assistant to the chancellor for equity and diversity at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Westerhaus, formerly an attorney at the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Milwaukee, is responsible for overall development of UW-Parkside's affirmative action/ equal employment opportunity program.

Michael Arloski, PhD '77, a psychologist at the University of Northern Colorado Counseling Center, presented a series of seminars on "Holistic Stress Management" last summer at Burapha University in Thailand. A licensed psychologist since 1979, Arloski is past president of the Colorado College Counselors Association. He lives in Belvue, Colo.

Donnette A. Rander, BSMS '77, president and chief executive officer of DAR Public Relations Inc. in Beachwood, is featured in the annual women's issue of *Dollars & Sense* magazine. She is listed among "America's Best and Brightest Business and Professional Women" for 1990. The magazine recognizes African-American women who have demonstrated career excellence.

Michael T. Harter, PhD '78, is dean of the School of Health and Human Services at California State University in Sacramento. He formerly was dean of the School of Professions at the State University of New York College at Brockport, and was dean of the College of Health and Human Services for five years at Ohio University.

Bruce Wayne Baker, BGS '78, has been promoted to vice president in charge of the Ann Arbor office of Eder Associates, an environmental engineering office. He also has been an elementary school teacher in Howell, Mich., for six years.

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1980s

Ralph K. Phillips, BSC '80, is assistant director of development for major gifts at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. Phillips previously was alumni director for the David Eccles School of Business at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and assistant director of alumni relations at Ohio University from 1984 to 1986.

Barbara J. Tarter, BSC '88, MA '82, PhD '83, has been named the first assistant vice president for enrollment management at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn. She formerly was assistant vice president of enrollment management and director of admissions at Emporia (Kan.) State University.

Phil L. Albright, BSIT '81, was among 40 Kennedy Space Center employees honored for exemplary work in September at the nation's spaceport in Florida. Albright, who is employed by The Boeings Corp. as a calibration technician, joined the space center in 1960. He resides in Cocoa, Fla.

Ken McCullough, BGS '81, has been named the first manager of public safety at American Electric Power headquarters in Columbus.

Ronald Ranallo, BBA '81, is director of benefits planning and administration at TRINOVIA Corporation in Houston. TRINOVIA manufactures engineered components and systems.

Scott Aderson, BSJ XXXIX is host of a new game show on Fox Television. He is co-producing producer of Fox Sports.

David L. Ahrendt, BBA '83, was promoted to associate vice president-assistant to the chairman and CEO of the Nationwide Insurance Enterprise. Ahrendt earned a law degree from Capital University in Columbus.

Jackie L. Clouse, BSH '83, is senior vice president, administrator in the athletic department at Radford University in Virginia. She has been head athletic trainer at Radford since 1984.

Amy Hardcastle, BSJ '83, has been promoted to vice president/account supervisor at Hall/Holladay, an advertising and communications consulting company in Boston. Hardcastle works on the John Hancock Financial Services account.

Naton Leslie, MA '83, PhD '86, has been promoted to associate professor of English at Siena College in Loudounville, N.Y.

Marc Stolarsky, BA '83, works for the Cleveland law firm Kramer & Neumann in civil rights and general law. He worked for South Dakota Congressman Tim Johnson from 1980 to 1989 and resides in Pepper Pike.

Frank L. Waters, BSCH '83, is executive assistant at Ashland Inc. to CEO and President Paul W. Chelgren in Ashland, Ky. Waters joined Ashland in 1991 as a business development specialist and served as district manager for Ashland Chemical from 1994 to 1996.

Robbin Wilson, BSJ '83, is an assistant prosecuting attorney in Stark County. She graduated cum laude from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in May 1990 and ranked in the top 6 percent among those who passed the Ohio Bar Exam in August. Her husband, **Rob Wilson, AB '82**, is a project leader for Applied Technical Systems in Beachwood.

Wayne Hanzel, BFA '84, is a member of a three-person team that founded Icon Sports L.L.C. The new company designs high-performance water skis and user-friendly snow skis. Hanzel is the firm's product manager/sales and marketing. The company is based in Mukilteo, Wash.

Kate Hancock, MA '85, PhD '82, has published a book of poetry titled *The Lazarus Method*, sponsored by the Wick Poetry Program and the Department of English at Kent State University. The Kent State University Press published the chapbook. Hancock's poetry also has been published in the *New Virginia Review*, *Green Mountain Review*, *Crazy River*, *Kentucky Poetry Review* and *Windsor Review*. She lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Jay V. Cawey, BBA '86, received his master of business administration degree from Capital University in Columbus. He is a finance consultant with Andersen Consulting in Chicago.

Beverly Merrick, MA '86, PhD '89, is writing a book about the Newswomen's Club of New York, an organization of women journalists founded in 1922. She is an assistant professor of journalism at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

Joe Saunders, PhD '86, is an assistant professor in the graduate counseling department and director of the counseling center at Heidelberg College in Tiffin. He is a former instructor at Ohio University.

Jay Spencer, BS '86, has been awarded the master of business administration degree by the University of Akron. He is a criminalist with the Canton-Stark County crime laboratory in Canton.

Navy Lt. Brian K. Ritter, BS '87, was among 1,000 U.S. sailors who participated in a six-month overseas deployment aboard the USS Tarawa, traveling to the western Pacific and Indian oceans and the Persian Gulf. Ritter's ship remained on call in the Persian Gulf after Iraqi forces invaded the Kurdish safe zone. Ritter traveled more than 12,000 miles during the voyage.

Byron White, BSJ '87, was promoted to assistant metro editor at the *Chicago Tribune*. He oversees the newspaper's urban affairs team.

Ramanath I. Ramakrishnan, MS '89, is a mechanical engineer in the GE Research and Development Center in Schenectady, N.Y. He lives in Clifton Park, N.Y.

Martin Stomlack, BSC '88, is director of emergency medical services at Flute Valley Medical Center in Bingham, Colo. He lives in Denver.

1990s

Carla J. Gaff-Gark, AA '81, is a development director/therapist at Pathway to Recovery Inc. in Indianapolis, Ind. She earned a master of science degree in marriage and family therapy from Butler University in May.

Melissa Garber, BSC '85, is senior computer graphics operator for WFTS-TV, the ABC affiliate in Tampa, Fla. She worked as a free-lance computer graphics operator at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Will McCool, BSC '91, is an independent travel writer living on the island of Corfu, Greece.

Dennis Vanek, BBA '91, was among five promoted to the Business Assurance Practice's management team at Coopers & Lybrand in Columbus. The group works with traditional audit, information technology audit and compliance services.

Nalshu Wang, PhD '91, has been named director of the Medical Diagnostic Division of Allied Biotechnology International in Costa Mesa, Calif. She oversees all aspects of the diagnostic department. The company develops products for the health care industry.

Brandyn Charlton, BSSE '92, is the men's athletic trainer and an instructor of health, physical education and recreation at Heidelberg College in Tiffin.

Barry Kiser, BBA '92, has joined the financial institutions and commercial law department at the Columbus law firm of Porter, Wright, Morris and Arthur as a paralegal. The firm represents clients nationwide.

Denise M. Schmidt, AB '92, is director of agency services at Ohio Auto Diesel Technical College in Cleveland.

Charles C. Crews, BSISE '93, has been promoted to operations engineer I at Columbus Gas of Ohio in Columbus. He joined Columbus Gas in 1991 as a general office engineer and most recently was operations engineer II.

John Davis, BBA '93, is now the compliance officer for Focused Investments L.L.C. He is responsible for keeping his firm and its brokers compliant with laws governing the securities industry. He resides in Chicago.

Marine Lt. James Fuller, BSJ '93, MSPE '95, has been designated a naval aviator following flight training with the Marine Aviation Training Support Group at the Naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station, in Pensacola, Fla. He joined the Marine Corps in 1994.

Rebecca Shoaf Harrell, BBA '93, is a marketing and research analyst in the sales and marketing department of the San Antonio Federal Credit Union. She is responsible for research analysis, media placement and program management.

Cristine Antolik, BSJ '94, has been promoted to editor of *Art Materials Today* magazine for F&W Publications in Cincinnati.

Marine 2nd Lt. James Blidner, BSC '94, has graduated from the Basic School at the Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico, Va. The 20-week course is designed to help newly commissioned officers prepare for assignment to the Fleet Marine Force.

Matt North, BSJ '94, a San Francisco-based actor, performed at the Montreal Comedy Festival in July and also made his network television debut on CBS in the fall season premiere of "Nash Bridges." North plays Lou Gardino, a young bank robber from Ohio. He also made his stand-up comedy TV debut on NBC's "Friday Night" taped in San Francisco.

Mark Remy, BSJ '94, is an editor for Rodale Press Inc., publisher of Prevention, Health & Healing and health-conscious magazines and books. He lives in Allentown, Pa.

William Schneider, AB '84, promoted to director of public relations and account manager at Logan & Co. Marketing in Cleveland. He focuses on new business development and client public relations projects. He resides in Lakewood.

Karen Vogelsang, BSJ '95, has been promoted to copy editor at Northlark Stolley/LaWare, a Cincinnati-based advertising and public relations agency. She has been at NSL for a year, working on various Proctor and Gamble accounts.

Jennifer Fairbanks, BSJ '96, is an account executive with the public relations firm of Edward Howard & Co. in Akron.

Amy Howard, BSJ '96, has joined the Cincinnati advertising and public relations agency of Northlark Stolley/LaWare as a media assistant. She lives in Montgomery.

Trustees' Academy

Ohio University's major gift society, the Trustees' Academy recently welcomed 57 new members. Members may make a \$15,000 outright cash gift, pledge that sum to be paid in yearly increments of not less than \$1,500, make a \$15,000 deferred gift through a living trust or bequest, or make a life insurance gift of at least \$45,000 with a yearly premium and annual gift of \$1,000 or more for 10 years.

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The six giving levels within the academy are the Margaret Boyd Society (\$15,000-\$45,000 deferred); William H. Scott Circle (\$25,000-\$75,000 deferred); William H. McGuffey Fellows (\$50,000-\$150,000 deferred); John C. Baker Council (\$100,000-\$300,000 deferred); Third Century Society (\$500,000-\$1.5 million deferred); and Presidents' Cabinet (\$1 million-\$3 million deferred).

Alumni interested in more information may contact Susan Downard, BSJ '82, assistant director for stewardship programs and Trustees' Academy, 304 McGuffey Hall, Development Office, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701, or visit the office's World Wide Web site at <http://www.cats.ohio.edu/~develop>.

New members and their designations include

Margaret Boyd Society

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Geological Sciences in College of Arts and Sciences

Sharon Stephens Brehm
Sharon Stephens Brehm Scholarship

Will Chandler '70
Political Science Department in College of Arts and Sciences

Peter T. '42 and Alaya Lalich
School of Music in College of Fine Arts

Nationwide Communications Inc.
Mickey Frank Memorial Scholarship in College of Communication

Jan Rohde-Mahn
Robert E. Mahan Room in Alden Library

Thomas J. Starr '89
Russ College of Engineering and Technology

Christopher Sultz '87
The Salt Memorial Scholarship in Honors Tutorial College

Sun Microsystems of Columbus
School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in Russ College of Engineering and Technology

William H. Scott Circle

J. Philip Fox, M.D. '49
Rush College of Arts and Sciences

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Irene Davies Fraser Scholarship Fund in College of Education

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School of Business

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The second-largest crowd in Convocation Center history — 13,021 — celebrated the Bobcats' 67-65 victory over Miami in men's basketball on Feb. 15. See related story on Page 6.

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